



SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

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Special points of interest:

- Human Trafficking
- Safeguarding Training
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Dear Parish Safeguarding Representative,

We are very happy to bring you the second issue of our Newsletter. In this issue we will update you on where we are with the Safeguarding Training, as well as some gentle reminders which we feel are relevant to your role within the Parish.

There has been a lot of media coverage on Human Trafficking recently and as such we feel it important to include an article on this subject.

If you wish to add anything else to the next Newsletter please contact Beci by the 28th September :-

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Many thanks for all your hard work.

The Safeguarding Team

HUMAN TRAFFICKING - A NEW SAFEGUARDING ISSUE

In the past three years the Catholic Church in England and Wales has pioneered a campaign against human trafficking and in support of trafficked men, women and children. Bishop Patrick Lynch (Auxiliary Bishop in Southwark and Bishop for Migrants) has built a partnership between the Church (especially women Religious), Government agencies and police forces, not only in UK but internationally, which is already having remarkable results. Bakhita House has been established in London as a 'one-stop shop' for victims of trafficking - providing a women's hostel, pastoral and medical services, police and social work intervention.

It is an issue that affects our Diocese. St Nicholas of Tolentino Parish in Bristol has supported at least four women trafficked (some for domestic slavery, others for sexual exploitation) and its asylum and refugee drop-in currently welcomes and supports a number of trafficked women. We know that many of those forced in sex work on our streets or in brothels and massage parlours are victims of trafficking. Men have been trapped into virtual slave labour within the part of the country covered by our Diocese. These are very vulnerable adults (children are also trafficked) who need our protection and help.

This issue is ours and any parish could have one or more victims of trafficking in their congregation. We need training to know how to identify trafficked people and then how to support and help them. We expect to provide such training in the Diocese in the future. Watch this space! In the meantime, please pray for our vulnerable and exploited sisters and brothers.

Fr Richard McKay, Parish Priest of St Nicholas of Tolentino & Clergy Lead Advisor for Safeguarding

Human Trafficking/Slavery

On the 10th April 2014 in the Vatican, senior law enforcement officers and representatives of the Catholic Church met to plan ways of together combating Human Trafficking and Slavery.

The Holy Father Pope Francis endorsed this event and has stated

“I exhort the international community to adopt an even more unanimous and effective strategy against human trafficking, so that in every part of the world, men and women may no longer be used as a means to an end and that their inviolable dignity may always be respected”.

All the Police Chiefs who attended this meeting signed a declaration agreeing to work with the Catholic Church and there is now a UK Project between the Police and Bishops Conference. Some of the work has been delegated locally to safeguarding offices who will link in with local projects and initiatives to assist the wider project.

So far, Jane Dziadulewicz (Safeguarding Coordinator) has been trained by the local Anti-Slavery Partnership (ASP) which is a partnership between Avon and Somerset Police, Bristol City Council and Unseen and is now an Anti-Slavery Champion on behalf of this group and for the Diocese. Fr Richard McKay, the Clergy Lead Advisor for Safeguarding is also assisting the partnership.

We intend to include information about this subject in order to raise awareness of the problem in our Safeguarding Training but there is also going to be a National Anti-Slavery Day on 18th October as a result of an Act of Parliament. We will be writing to you all separately about supporting this event throughout the Diocese, with the blessing of Bishop Declan.

Clergy and Parish Safeguarding Rep Training

The training is underway and we have had a lot of positive feedback. Our next training sessions booked for this year are as follows:-

Dates

22nd and 23rd September

3rd and 4th November

Venue

St John's Parish Centre, Trowbridge

SS Luke & Teresa, Wincanton

Please contact Beci to book a place on rebecca.monks@cliftondiocese.com

Celebrating Parish Safeguarding Reps

We plan to organise a day of celebration for Safeguarding Reps so you can meet the Safeguarding Commission, spend time with the Safeguarding Team and be thanked for all the work you do on behalf of the Diocese. Watch this space! (Note! If aligned Religious Orders would also like to attend you are most welcome).

CSAS UPDATE

The new Director for CSAS, Dr Collette Limbrick started in her new role on the 22nd June 2015.

SAFEGUARDING STAFF UPDATE

It is with much sadness that we say goodbye to Mark Hart who will be leaving us to start a new job. His last working day will be the 24th July and we wish him all the very best for the future.

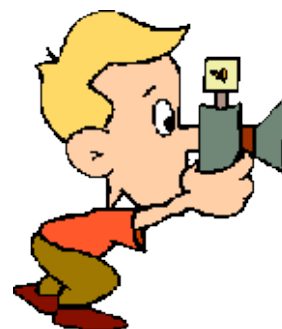
Luckily for us Mark has kept everything up-to-date and your applications/DBS forms etc. will be actioned as soon as possible. However, due to other work commitments there may be times when it will take several days and we ask for your patience in this matter.

Photographs

We get a lot of queries in the office about the taking and displaying of photographs. You can find the guidance on this in the National Procedures:-

www.csasprocedures.uk.net

Section 14 IT Communication Technology/Photography



Things to note

- ◆ If you are aware of any safeguarding issues within the Parish, please discuss this with the Safeguarding Office as soon as you are able to. If there is an urgent matter and you are unable to contact us i.e. out of office hours, please contact the Police or Social Services in the first instance and contact the Safeguarding Office the next working day.
- ◆ It is Mark Hart that writes the name of the Parish Rep on the back page of the DBS Application Form. This makes things easier for Mark to process the application when it comes back into the office. It is also correct that your name is entered here, as you are the evidence checker.
- ◆ When an event (Residential or otherwise) within the Parish has been planned, please ensure you leave plenty of time for the Safe recruitment and DBS checks to be carried out. Please remember, with the Single Certificate process, you will need to incorporate time for us to **view the DBS Certificate** as well.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

PARISH RESOURCE PACK

This has been updated and is now on line. You can find it on the Diocesan Website. Go to the home page and click on ‘Safeguarding’. Then click on ‘Safeguarding Resource Pack’.

This provides a summary of the national procedures and gives you the guidance you need (including forms) for running activities with Children or Adults at Risk (e.g. Parish activities, residential trips, Pilgrimages etc.). Please note the Resource Pack is live and therefore should you print this document off there is no guarantee it will be in date the following day. The Resource Pack is updated by CSAS Staff on a regular basis therefore you will have all the current information at the click of a button.

Please read and familiarise yourself with the Pack. We would also ask you to mention it in your Parish bulletins so all parishioners are made aware of our policies and expected standards.

With the Resource Pack being on-line only, the few of you who don't have online facilities please contact your Parish Office who will be able to assist.





Quick tips on things you need to remember when organising activities

Signed consent from the Parish Priest

Risk Assessment Forms

Safe recruitment of volunteers and Event Leaders

Recording sheets

Incident Reporting sheets

Catering (e.g. Food hygiene certificates)

Transport (e.g. checking clean driving licences)

For more detailed information you can refer to the full national procedures on www.csasprocedures.uk.net

Don't forgetall is explained on the Safeguarding training so if you haven't already done so, please book a place as we would love to see you!

ID FORM

We recently sent you a copy of the new 'ID Form' dated June 2015. Please note there is now a revised version of the ID form dated July 2015. This has been sent to you by email. Please use this form for all future applications.

Any application that does not include the current Forms will be returned un-actioned for resubmission.



And finally.....

We acknowledge the time and effort you put in as Parish Reps and know that sometimes you do face struggles whilst trying to carry out your role. We are here to support you so please do not hesitate to contact us should you need to.



Jane, Liam, Beci and Mark