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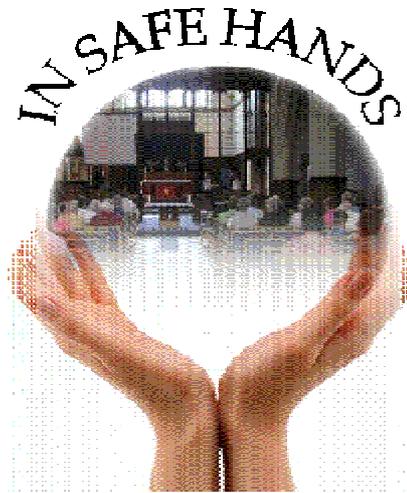


At last! The new Diocesan Safeguarding Handbook has arrived! So how do you get hold of a copy?

John Marshman and Mary Daisy will be holding a number of 'surgeries' across the Diocese, (see details on the back page). At these surgeries, you, or a representative from your church, will be asked to sign for each handbook. Each parish is entitled to two copies, with additional copies costing £5.00 each. We will also be happy to answer any queries, concerns or issues you may have in respect of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults within your parish.

If you are unable to attend the surgery within your deanery, you are quite welcome to attend another on an alternative date, however each parish should ensure that at least one representative from their church attends one surgery in order that they can collect the new handbook, as they must be signed for in person.

We look forward to seeing you soon!



WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of Safeguarding Matters.

We hope you continue to find these regular updates helpful. In this edition, we bring you news of the revised Diocesan Safeguarding Handbook and how you can get hold of a copy. We also have some important news about the launch of the ISA-registration element of the Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS), including details of the new application form.

Churches provide a wide range of activities for children, young people and vulnerable adults and are one of the largest providers of work in these areas. Like other organisations that work with these groups, parishes need to have appropriate arrangements in place for safeguarding and promoting their welfare. You are therefore encouraged to ensure that your parish has adequate and effective safeguarding procedures in place and that these are reviewed regularly. We are always happy to offer you any practical help, advice or guidance in respect of this.

Mary Daisy
 Assistant Safeguarding Adviser

VETTING AND BARRING - UPDATE



Most of you will now be aware of the government's new measures under the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006, to deter those who seek to harm young or vulnerable people. All parishes are now required to comply with the key measures under the Act which includes the Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS).

Phase One of the Vetting and Barring Scheme was introduced on 12th October last year, and the launch of the second phase of the Scheme is scheduled for July of this year.

This will mean that from the 26th July 2010 **new employees and volunteers** working with children and/or vulnerable adults in regulated activities will be required to register with the ISA **before** they start work.

The following information will help you familiarise yourself with the VBS and understand your parish's responsibilities under the new arrangements.

CRB/ISA Risk Assessment Flowchart

Following criticism, and press controversy, of the Vetting and Barring Scheme last year, the government accepted Sir Roger Singleton's subsequent recommendations, published in his report 'Drawing the Line'. As a result, the frequency and intensity threshold was adjusted.

However, as a consequence of this, many church volunteers who work on a rota basis in which they help perhaps once or twice a month (but would nevertheless continue to have the opportunity to form relationships with children) would have fallen under the requirements for registration, and this concern was raised through the national church. As a result, we were informed that there is a provision which allows for voluntary registration under Schedule 7 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act, and it is therefore our Diocesan policy that all those who work with children and vulnerable adults in regulated activity will be required to register with the ISA even if they undertake this less than once a week. The flowchart has been revised to reflect these changes, and we have included it with the newsletter. If you have any queries about this, please contact Mary Daisy or Theresa Winship.

New CRB/ISA Application Form

Our office has now received a sample of the new application form, which will be used from the launch of the ISA registration element of the VBS in July 2010. In order that you can familiarise yourself with the features of the new form, we are encouraging the person in the parish who is responsible for checking and validating an applicant's identity to visit an electronic learning tool (e-guide) available via the CRB website www.crb.homeoffice.gov.uk/eguide which provides information on how to complete the new application form.

It is important to remember that there is a specific timescale in place to manage the switchover to the new application form, the details of which are as follows:

Timetable

28 June 2010	New stocks of application forms sent to parishes
12 th July 2010	The Diocese will no longer accept the existing CRB application form, and you should destroy any remaining stocks of this securely
26 th July 2010	The CRB will start to process the new application forms for all new entrants to regulated activity.

Parishes that run holiday clubs through the summer holidays should be aware that all **new** volunteers/workers who will be undertaking regulated activity at these clubs will not be allowed to do so without being ISA registered first. We recommend therefore that parishes have sufficient numbers of volunteers in place who hold a valid CRB check through the Diocese, in order that these clubs can still run through the summer.

CRB Renewals

As outlined above, registration from July 26th will only initially affect new workers who are working with children and vulnerable adults for the first time, or those who are applying for new positions or changing jobs. Those already working or volunteering in roles with children and/or vulnerable adults will not be required to register until much later in the roll-out of this scheme, and as a result of this, **CRB renewal applications will not be accepted by the Diocese from June 2010 until after April 2011.** Therefore, parishes are encouraged to renew any individuals who were last CRB checked in 2005 in the next three months, or lose the chance until April next year.

Detailed advice about the Scheme is available from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and is also covered in their Safeguarding Children in Church Workshops.

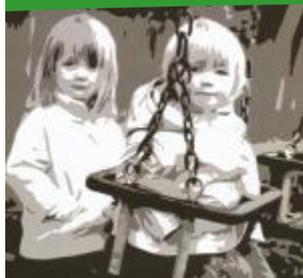


All clergy and Reader CRB applications should be sent to Judy Couzens or Yvonne Collins at:

Bishopsgrove
26 Osborn Road
Fareham
Hants
PO16 7DQ
Tel: 01329280247

Thank you!

INFORMATION



'Surgery' Dates and Venues for distribution of Safeguarding Handbook

Deanery	Venue	Date and Time
Petersfield	St Peter's Parish Hall	30 th March: 10.30am - 12.30pm
West Wight	Newport Minster	31 st March: 11.00am - 1.00pm
East Wight	Sandown, St John's	31 st March: 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Havant	St John's, Rowlands Castle	6 th April: 10.30am - 12.30pm
Bishops Waltham	Shedfield Study Centre	7 th April: 10.30am - 1.00pm
Portsmouth	Peninsular House, Portsmouth	8 th April: 10.30am - 12.30pm
Fareham/Gosport	St Peter's Church, Titchfield	9 th April: 10.30 - 1.30pm



SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN CHURCH

Basic Awareness Training Dates for 2010

Venue	Date	Time	Contact
St Judes, Southsea	Saturday 20th March	9.30am - 1.00pm	02392 750422
St John the Evangelist, Forton	Saturday 1st May	1.00pm - 4.30pm	02392 899665
St Peter, Titchfield	Saturday 15th May	9.30am - 1.00pm	01329 847003
St Paul's Church Hall, Barton, IOW	Saturday 26th June	1.00pm - 4.30pm	02392 899665
St Mary's, Bramshott & Liphook	Saturday 10th July	9.30am - 1.00pm	023 92 899665
St Peters, Bishops Waltham	Saturday 11th Sept	9.30am—1.00pm	01489 892197
Holy Trinity, Fareham	Saturday 25th Sept	9.30am—1.00pm	01329 232688
St John the Baptist, Rowlands Castle	Saturday 16th October	9.30am - 1.00pm	02392899665

Delegates wishing to attend Parish organised training, (in green) should contact the parish to secure a place on this.

Delegates wishing to attend the Diocesan organised training (in red) should contact Theresa at the Diocesan Offices for a booking form.

The content of the training is the same in both cases

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Vulnerable Adults
Training Details and
'Duty to Refer' under ISA