

DIOCESE OF GALLOWAY SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN



Welcome to the Bulletin

Welcome to the most recent edition of the Diocese of Galloway's Safeguarding Bulletin.



In God's Image Version 2 (IGIv2) has now been published, and comes into effect on 8th September. Every parish should now have received accompanying leaflets and posters to advertise and promote this important document. Some information on the key changes contained in IGIv2 is provided in this edition.

As previously advised, this year's National Safeguarding Conference is taking place online again and is now open for registration. Some further information is also provided in this edition.

Please remember that the diocesan website contains safeguarding pages, which are regularly updated and contain a password-protected page for PSCs to access the resources needed to carry out their ministry. Please contact any member of the Operations Team for help accessing this page if needed.

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IN GOD'S IMAGE v2

IGIv2 has now been published on the BCOS website [here](#); a link is also available on the safeguarding pages of the diocesan website. IGIv2 places a greater emphasis on Christ, on Pope Francis, and on our Catholic faith, in response to both the recommendation made by the McLellan Commission to develop a theology of safeguarding, and to international efforts to develop theologies of childhood and safeguarding. The revised text makes the Core Safeguarding Messages of the Scottish Catholic Church more explicit, and includes key indicators of compliance tables for each of the 8 Standards, which will be helpful starting points for this year's audit cycle. IGIv2 also develops and expands on each of the 8 Standards to reflect current legislation and research, and in response to feedback received during consultation. The text is the product of many months of consultation, reflection and collaboration, and serves as a comprehensive and up-to-date guide to the Safeguarding practices and ethos of the Scottish Catholic Church. Please contact Helena if you have any difficulties accessing or downloading the document.

National Safeguarding Webinar

“Growing our Culture of Care”

This year’s webinar will take place on Saturday, 2nd October from 11:00—1:00. A live panel will be gathered in a studio to deliver the online event. Contributors will include Cardinal Sean O’Malley, President of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, and various frontline Safeguarding personnel from parishes and religious communities who will speak about what IGIv2 means for them in their respective roles. There will also be a more general introduction to IGIv2, information on how the Scottish Catholic Church’s safe recruitment process is being adapted to reflect recent legislative changes, and more. Please register to attend [here](#).

PVG UPDATES

All parishes should now have received a list of volunteers whose PVGs are five years or older, with the information required to update them. Due to the Disclosure Scotland Act 2020, which is expected to come into force in January 2022, all PVGs which are not updated every 5 years will expire. Please contact any member of the Operations Team if you need any support returning your PVG update information by 30th September 2021, and please attend the national webinar to find out about the changes in legislation.

WORKING TOGETHER WITH CARITAS

Following the publication of IGIv2, Induction Parts 1 and 2 are slightly outdated. The Operations Team are working with CARITAS pupils to develop a small series of bite-sized videos which will detail the main changes. It is hoped that throughout the year ahead, short video clips can be provided for parish websites and social media pages which will ensure volunteers can be made aware of current good practice, while helping young people to meet their CARITAS requirements.

SEXUAL HARM WEBINAR

A free webinar is taking place on 21st September 2021, 1:00—4:00 pm. This webinar will explore the growing research and practice which seeks to prevent sexual abuse from occurring by identifying and working with potential perpetrators. Sign up [here](#).

ANNUAL UPDATE – DATE FOR DIARY

The annual safeguarding update is due to be delivered as close to the Feast of the Guardian Angels (2nd October) as possible. It will be circulated to all PPs and PSCs within a couple of weeks to allow time for modifications to be made which may make the update more personalised for your parish. This year’s talk will be on the theme of *Growing our Culture of Care*, to align with the publication of IGIv2 and the national webinar.

SOCIAL MEDIA SHARING

[This link](#) can be used to share this document on Facebook while retaining the hyperlinks.

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