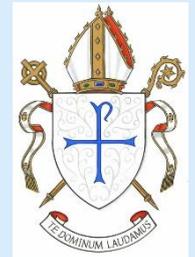


DIOCESE OF GALLOWAY SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN



Welcome to the Bulletin

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

The OT would like to wish all our Safeguarding colleagues a very happy and blessed Easter. It has been a joy to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord in church, and we thank all volunteers for their commitment to keeping our parishes safe during this period of re-opening.

Please remember to regularly check the new Safeguarding webpages for updates. Short notice free training opportunities can arise between bulletins, and these will be posted on the website. There is also a variety of regularly updated articles and links to external resources.

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SAFEGUARDING TRAINING PROGRAM FOR 2021

A training program for the year ahead has been developed. The main priorities are as follows:

Volunteers: A short welcome-back video will be recorded for when normal parish activities can resume, incorporating a refresher of the key Safeguarding messages and the most important changes to the revised *In God's Image*. All volunteers will also be required to complete Induction Part 2, if they have not already done so. Many volunteers are taking advantage of the opportunity to complete this training online, and the office will update parish records accordingly. Please encourage your volunteers to sign up for online training, as this will considerably reduce the workload for our diocesan trainers following the pandemic;

Clergy: A protocol is being developed for Standard 5, which will inform this year's training session, with an update of *In God's Image* and what *IGI* means for parish communities;

PSCs: A protocol for responding to allegations has been developed and will inform this year's training, with an update of *In God's Image* and what *IGI* means for parish communities.

DIOCESAN ACTION PLAN

The Diocesan Action Plan for the year ahead has been submitted to the Bishops' Conference and is available for your information [here](#). It is already well underway.

TRAINING WORKING GROUPS

Two short-term working groups have been established to develop specific training programs for clergy and for parish volunteers. The OT is grateful to the clergy and laity from both within and outwith Galloway Diocese who are contributing to these initiatives. It is hoped that all training programs will be ready in time for autumn training sessions. Please see the training section above for more information on this year's training program.

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORMS

The volunteer application form has been updated to include space for volunteers' email addresses. Please use the new version of the form with immediate effect. It is available for download on the password-protected PSC page of the diocesan website. Please contact any member of the OT if you cannot remember the password!

SOCIAL MEDIA SHARING

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

RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES

A reminder that if you have recruited any new volunteers to the Welcome Ministry, they should watch the training video available [here](#), and complete application form A or B as relevant, available [here](#).

NEW PVG SYSTEM

The new online PVG system referred to in the previous Bulletin is up and running. All PSCs received a "walk through" document detailing how the system works, and the first PVG updates under the new system have been submitted. As of 2022, it will be legally required for all volunteers to have their PVGs updated every 5 years. To assist PSCs with this important part of their role, all parishes will shortly receive a list of volunteers whose PVGs are dated 2016 or earlier, with a list of the information required for each volunteer to allow the office to process their updates under the new system. Please contact Helena if you have any problems or questions at any time during this process.

RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY & HUMAN FLOURISHING

As part of their Symposium for Preventing and Healing Child Sexual Abuse, Harvard University's Human Flourishing Program have published a report on how attendance at religious services positively impacts on human flourishing. The report can be found [here](#).

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