

DIOCESE OF GALLOWAY SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN



Welcome to the Bulletin

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

The Safeguarding Office has been receiving requests for information regarding safe recruitment procedures as ministries build up again after restrictions. This edition is therefore mostly dedicated to reminding all parish safeguarding personnel of the basic safe recruitment requirements.

There is also information on the National Safeguarding Conference, including an early bird reduced fee for both in-person and online attendance. *Please note that parishes are invoiced by the diocese for PP and PSC attendance.*

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NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE

SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2022, 10:00 – 16:30

WALKING TOGETHER IN SAFEGUARDING:

A JOURNEY OF PERSONAL AND COMMUNAL CONVERSION

Following last year's successful National Safeguarding Webinar, this year's Annual Conference will be a hybrid event where people may choose to participate in person at the University of Strathclyde Technology and Innovation Centre in the centre of Glasgow, or watch online. The new Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency board members and staff will be in attendance, and there will be an opportunity for participants to share their views and expectations about the Agency with the board and staff. Two keynote speakers, Fr Hans Zollner (psychologist and psychotherapist, currently the Director of the Institute of Anthropology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome) and Lady Rita Rae (Chair of the SCSSA) have been secured, with further speakers and topics to be announced. Registration is now open at <https://bit.ly/39dsFPq> and all registrations made before 1st July 2022 will receive an early bird discount. Fees are £55 (early bird £45) for in-person attendance, which includes lunch and refreshments, or £25 (early bird £20) for online attendance. This is an excellent opportunity to network with Church safeguarding personnel and to find out about the future of Safeguarding in the Catholic Church in Scotland. Please come along.

SAFE RECRUITMENT

The requirements for safe recruitment in parish ministries have not changed following the pandemic. All volunteers in ministries working with children and/or vulnerable adults must complete the following three stages of recruitment **before commencing ministry**. Please refer to *In God's Image v2 2.1* for full details.

1. Application Form: An application form, including contact details for two references, must be submitted. Application forms and reference forms are available for download from the PSC page on the diocesan website. The diocesan office will send directly for references if this is easier for any individual PSC.
2. PVG application: A PVG application must be submitted even if the volunteer already holds a PVG for another organisation. PVG applications may now be completed online which is, in the majority of instances, quicker and easier than paper applications.
3. Training: Part 1 Safeguarding Induction Training must be completed. The diocese has a large number of trainers who are available and willing to arrange training sessions on request. Alternatively, volunteers can be signposted to gallowaydiocese.org.uk/training where they can view a calendar with upcoming training events and contact a trainer directly.

After the application form, both references, PVG certificate and a notification of training attendance has been received by the diocese, a letter of approval will be issued enabling volunteers to commence ministry. If an application needs to be expedited, the safeguarding office will always try to accommodate this. Please contact any member of the Operations Team if you need any further information or any clarification.

"Of course, the requirement of 'safe recruitment' is a minimum expectation of any adult acting in a 'regulated role' on behalf of the Church. It should be stressed that the Church would wish to be assured that anyone working in a parish, diocese or religious community would demonstrate the highest standards of conduct, especially in their treatment of children and vulnerable adults."

In God's Image v2 2.1.8

SOCIAL MEDIA SHARING

This link can be used to share this document on Facebook while retaining the hyperlinks. Thank you to all the parishes who are doing so.

SAFEGUARDING MATTERS

The most recent edition of this national Safeguarding newsletter can be found on the Safeguarding pages of the diocesan website.

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