



SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER March 2018



Hello Parish Safeguarding Reps!

We hope you are all keeping well and are getting ready for the Spring time. We would like to welcome our new PSRs, Yvonne Cafferty from Our Lady of Peace, Burnham and Janina Bell from St Bedes, Newport Pagnell.



Thank you
Danielle & Lorraine



Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service (CSAS) Procedures Manual

Recently there have been changes to the CSAS website, including updates to policies, guidance and standards, some of which will be relevant to your role. There are new Code of Conducts for Leaders and Helpers and for Children and Young People involved in Church Activities. These can be for you to use with your volunteers when completing the recruitment process. New diagrams depicting the Catholic Safeguarding Structure and Local Safeguarding Structure have also been added. For more information, please visit: <http://www.csasprocedures.uk.net/contents.html>

Training and Development Dates

Thank you to those PRSs who attended our Safeguarding Conference on Saturday 24th February, it was lovely to see you, Here are a few pictures:



In Safe Hands—A Safer Culture for Children: Our next event is on Saturday 28th April 2018, 12pm until 4pm, at St Mary's Parish Hall, Woburn Sands, MK17 8NN. Lunch included - please advise of any dietary needs. Please book your place by emailing Lorraine.

Safeguarding Support Meetings: Dates and venues will be shortly be circulated for these evening events in June and July 2018. They will also include the new DBS changes.

DBS News

The DBS have issued new ID verification guidance and countersignature information which will support you when verifying identification. For more information please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-identity-checking-guidelines>.

Safeguarding Referral Pathway—developed by the Northampton Safeguarding Commission

This is a new resource for you to use in relation to concerns related to Care Homes (residential and nursing). Please also share this beneficial guidance within your parish and with your volunteers. The information has been attached to your email.



Dementia Friends

Dementia is caused by a number of diseases that affect the brain. The most common form is Alzheimer's, but diseases also include vascular dementia, dementia with Lewy bodies and Pick's disease. Different types of dementia affect the brain at different rates and in different ways, but other things like someone's personal circumstances, the people around them and the environment in which they live, will affect their experience of dementia. Dementia progresses in a way that is unique to each individual.

Following on from the Safeguarding Conference, maybe you would like to become a Dementia Friends Champion yourself like our guest speaker. As a Dementia Friends Champion, you can attend a community Dementia Friends Champions Induction (6 hours) in order to run information sessions for your organisation, customers, friends, family or the wider community. Or maybe you could arrange a similar information session at your parish: An information session is an interactive awareness-raising session and usually 45-60 minutes long. Information Sessions can be arranged by emailing dementiafriends@alzheimers.org.uk.

For more information and resources please visit: <https://www.dementiafriends.org.uk/>.

Grief to Grace

We are bringing this valuable resource to your attentions as PSRs, to help raise awareness of the support that is available to victims and survivors. Grief to Grace is a specialised 5-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those who are the victims of a member of the clergy. For more information, please visit: <https://www.griefftograceuk.org/>.



The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse

The Inquiry's first report into Child Migration became available on their website on 01 March 2018. A further interim report is due to be published in March 2018. You can keep up to date by visiting: <https://www.iicsa.org.uk/>.

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