**National Conference Newsletter 2019**

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**Introduction**

Thank you for attending the National Safeguarding Conference today. I hope you will find it helpful and that it will provide you with both new learning and inspiration for your important safeguarding role. This National Conference Newsletter will give you an update on the developments nationally so please take it home and share with others.

**In God’s Image**

This is already almost 19 months old and has been implemented across the Catholic Church in Scotland. It was launched ‘ad experimentum’ in March last year so we are already looking at what amendments need to be made. If you have any suggestions, please send them to Michael McGrath at the General Secretariat Office (address above).

**The Independent Review Group (IRG)**

Baroness Helen Liddell (who is with us at the Conference today) chairs this dynamic team of experts in safeguarding. The IRG published its first Report in June and copies are available from your Diocesan Safeguarding Office. The Report presented recommendations which has led to an Action Plan of implementation and response.

The IRG commissioned the Social Care Institute for Excellence and Children in Scotland to externally review safeguarding in two Dioceses each year. This year the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh and the Diocese of Galloway were the first to be reviewed. Their reports will be published.

**Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry (SCAI)**

This Inquiry continues to take evidence of abuse in residential childcare settings. This summer the Inquiry have been hearing evidence in relation to the Christian Brothers, Benedictines and Marists. Previously there was a focus on the Daughters of Charity and the Nazareth House Sisters, and the Case Reports are available on the SCAI website: **www.childabuseinquiry.scot**

**Training update & developments:**

**Induction Part 1**

Many of you will have completed Induction Part 1 and/or the Level 1 training which preceded it. The current training pack is now ready for revision. If you have any ideas about how Induction Part 1 might be improved, please email me.

**Induction Part 2**

Launched in May this year it has a focus on prevention. If you attended Induction Part 1 at least 18 months ago, then you should attend Induction Part 2 as soon as possible.

**Enhanced Induction Part 2**

This training is specifically for clergy and religious. Some Dioceses have invited me to deliver this training at Clergy Assemblies and I am also delivering this training to the contemplative orders. Two areas which are developed, and which make this an ‘enhanced’ version are responding to victims of abuse and the management of Registered Sex Offenders in parish communities.

**IGI Update for Parish Volunteers**

This is a 60-minute training package for volunteers to enable a better understanding of the content of In God’s Image. If you want this training in your parish, please contact your Diocesan Safeguarding Office.

**T4T Course for new Safeguarding Trainers**

There is another opportunity next year to attend a Training for Safeguarding Trainers Course in the Spring. If you are interested, please speak to your Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser. It is now a 3 day course. Costs are met by your Diocese.

**Safeguarding Diploma/Licentiate in Safeguarding Gregorian University Rome**

This was launched last year. I am a visiting teacher on both courses, and we are delighted to currently have Fr Sione Hamala OM with me on an internship. Fr Sione is a Marist Priest from Tonga, and he is completing the Licentiate. He is with us until January.

**Safeguarding and Human Formation Training for Seminarians**

Good safeguarding and human formation training are essential for those in formation. I make an annual visit to the Pontifical Scots College, Rome to teach both Seminarians and Staff. I also visit and deliver training at the Pontifical Beda College in Rome and whilst they are home on pastoral placement meet with the Seminarians studying at seminaries in England. During the propaedeutic period at the Royal Scots College, Salamanca I teach for two weeks.

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