

# DIOCESE OF GALLOWAY SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN

## *Welcome to the Bulletin*

Welcome to the first edition of the Diocese of Galloway's Safeguarding Bulletin, which will be disseminated on a monthly basis to all Parish Priests, Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators and DSAG members.

This bulletin *replaces all other communications* from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, except those which are urgent in nature.

Please look out for this bulletin each month, as it will contain all the information you need to know, with hyperlinks you can follow to any topic which is of particular relevance to your own parish.

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## **SAFEGUARDING WEBPAGES**

*The Diocesan website has been updated to include new Safeguarding pages, which can be accessed [here](#). The webpages introduce you to the Operations Team and some of our recent work, and include a Training page where volunteers can register to attend online training courses. Galloway was the first diocese in Scotland to offer online Safeguarding training during this time of pandemic, and many volunteers from across the diocese have taken the opportunity to use lockdown to meet this requirement, or to refresh their knowledge of key Safeguarding messages. There is also a password-protected PSC area.*

## PARISH AUDITS

Each Parish Safeguarding Team was offered a video meeting with a member of the Operations Team (OT)—Gerry McCabe (DSA), Helena Rameckers (DSO) or Frances Gunn (Safeguarding Support).

**30 parishes participated in these meetings** which enabled the OT to:

- *Determine which areas of implementing **In God's Image** are working well;*
- *Hear examples of innovative practice which will be shared with other parishes;*
- *Reflect on any areas which need further support or resources created;*
- *Consider how our delivery of Safeguarding can be modified to best meet parishes' needs.*

Next month's Bulletin will include a link to a summary of audit responses.

## THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING

### NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR VACANCY

The NSC post is currently vacant. Due to a review of the SCSS, BCOS have made the decision not to fill the post until the new SCSS structure is known. In the interim, dioceses have been 'twinned' for professional support. Galloway is twinned with Aberdeen.

### NATIONAL LIVESTREAM POLICY

This has been issued by BCOS with template notices which should be displayed in every parish where livestreaming is taking place.

### SELF-DISCLOSURE FORMS

Due to a change in legislation, Galloway Diocese will no longer be using Self-Disclosure Forms as part of the safe recruitment process. Please do not issue these to new volunteers, with immediate effect.

### IN GOD'S IMAGE

The national Safeguarding Instruction is currently under review. The updated version will be published later this year, and includes user-friendly quick reference tables and a deeper understanding of the theology which underpins Safeguarding.

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

This takes place on the first Friday of Lent. Resources have been circulated to diocesan clergy, and are also available [here](#). A further resource is available [here](#).