



SOUTHWARK DIOCESE SAFEGUARDING OFFICE NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Safeguarding Office Easter 2020 Newsletter

Firstly, the Office team hope you are keeping well and healthy. Our prayers are with all those affected during these unprecedented times.

We hope you are all continuing to follow government guidance, to ensure we are all kept safe, to save lives and to support our frontline workers.

Despite the surreal circumstances we wish you all a joyous and blessed Easter.

In this issue we remind you of some DBS and recruitment procedures, announce the imminent launch of the Safeguarding Intranet and inform you of the NCSC's recently released reporting abuse policy.

SAFEGUARDING RESOURCE CENTRE INTRANET

The Safeguarding Intranet will be launching this Easter. It will be a useful resource area for all safeguarding personnel. All PSRs with an rcaos email & Religious Safeguarding Leads will be registered automatically and will receive an email explaining how you can access the Intranet. Anyone who works in safeguarding (including Provincial Leaders, Clergy and Parish Secretaries) and would like access to the resource centre should email the Safeguarding Office to be registered.

The Safeguarding Office will keep the intranet up to date with all recent news and updates.



EDUCARE

Please continue to promote the online EduCare training modules to **ALL** volunteers, staff, clergy and parishioners. They should email the Safeguarding Office to be registered.

NCSC REPORTING ABUSE POLICY

The NCSC have released their explicit policy position on reporting concerns and allegations. The statement should be placed on all parish websites under the safeguarding heading and put into all parish newsletters. It has automatically been placed as a disclaimer on all rcaos safeguarding emails.

"If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger.

It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased.

If you are in any role within the Catholic Church in England and Wales, you must refer allegations directly to the safeguarding office for your diocese or religious congregation, or directly to the Police.

If you are a member of the public, please refer allegations directly to the police and also to the safeguarding office in your diocese. You can contact the Archdiocese of Southwark Safeguarding Office by telephoning 0207 261 1606 or via email at safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk"