

Diocese of Ardagh & Clonmacnois

SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE REPORT 2016

❖ **Membership**

Bishop Francis Duffy, Liam Faughnan (Chairperson), Fr. Michael Bannon, Evelyn Breen, Sean Leydon, Philomena Lynch, Fr. Liam Murray, Fr. Tom Murray, Roisin O'Doherty & Úna Purcell.

❖ **Meetings:** The committee met on five occasions during 2016.

Areas of work addressed by the committee

- ✚ Analysis of Parish Safeguarding Self-Audits 2015: Report compiled, posted on diocesan website and emailed to Parish Priests.
- ✚ New Safeguarding Children Policy for the Catholic Church in Ireland: Circulated to all parishes and local safeguarding representatives. Attendance at information session on policy.
- ✚ Revision of Information Leaflets for Children, Parents and Volunteers
- ✚ Revision of Safeguarding Children Posters in line with revised policy
- ✚ Provision of Safeguarding Posters for groups whose first language is not English
- ✚ New Vetting Legislation: Local Safeguarding Representatives and clergy briefed
- ✚ Introduction of e-Vetting: Vetting Invitation Form and procedures for eVetting circulated
- ✚ Introduction of Revised Guidance
- ✚ Revision of Safeguarding Forms in line with new guidance
- ✚ Revision of Parish Safeguarding Audit and preparation with Local Safeguarding Representatives for completion
- ✚ Drafting of Action Plan including Communications Plan 2016-2018
- ✚ Training Plan 2016 including implementation of new training guidance for leaders
- ✚ Organisation of Diocesan Safeguarding Conference: April 27th to include update for Local Safeguarding Representatives. Guest Speaker: Pat Mc Kenna on Internet Safety
- ✚ Publication of Diocesan Safeguarding Newsletter
- ✚ Attendance at briefing on Tusla Central Reporting System for clerical abuse
- ✚ Attendance at National Safeguarding Conference
- ✚ Review of Training Plan 2016
- ✚ Provision of support for parishes on Practice Issues