

The Goddard Inquiry

The Goddard Inquiry into Child Institutional Sexual Abuse is now established. For further details about this and how the Catholic Church will be involved, see the Hurt By Abuse page or link directly to the website at www.csa-inquiry.independent.gov.uk for a very clear explanation of the enquiry and the processes surrounding it, especially the victims and survivors consultative panel.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and the Conference of Religious states "As a Church in these countries, we acknowledge our history in the arena of child sexual abuse; but we also have a compelling story to tell of how we have addressed these issues through our safeguarding reviews by Lord Nolan and Baroness Cumberledge and the ongoing work of the NCSC and CSAS."

The Commission is aware that the enquiry may raise issues for individuals within our communities. Please contact the Safeguarding Office or Hurt by Abuse helpline (07502 353 226) with queries. We will provide further information as the enquiry proceeds.

***Finally, thank you to all volunteers.
Have a good summer.***



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HALLAM CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING COMMISSION

Newsletter for our Volunteers

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CHURCHSAFE

Annual Safeguarding Event:

"Safeguarding and the Call for Justice - Changing our World"

Saturday 26th September 2015

St Patrick's Church, Sheffield, S5 0QF

2015 marks the 10th anniversary of the first Diocesan Safeguarding Event. We are delighted, in this anniversary year, to welcome speakers from Adult Safeguarding, the newly formed Rotherham Interfaith Safeguarding Network, Hallam Justice and Peace, and Chris Pearson (National Catholic Safeguarding Commission).

Hosted by Bishop Ralph Heskett, Fr Martin Trask (Dean of Sheffield North), and Hallam Catholic Safeguarding Commission, there will be an emphasis on responding appropriately to the needs of adults who may be vulnerable and at risk, and those who have been hurt by exploitation and abuse. The Interfaith Safeguarding Network has been trying to address these issues as part of a faith journey towards

making all church and faith communities places of welcome and safety, committed to promoting wellbeing for all.

To register your interest, please contact Jo Pearson, Safeguarding Administrator, as soon as possible on jpearson@hallam-diocese.com or 0114 256 6453.



The Religious Safeguarding Information Session

9 Religious Sisters and 3 Religious order Priests attended for afternoon tea at the Pastoral Centre on the 10th July 2015. The Safeguarding Commission is formally aligned with 4 Religious Orders, including the closed order at Kirk Edge (Carmelite Sisters: Monastery of the Holy Spirit). Although members of that order were not able to attend, their prayer and commitment to safeguarding was keenly felt.

Sr Clare Smith from Our Lady of Mercy, and Lisa Markham hosted a lively and informative session, in which joys were shared as well as serious matters considered. The event was opened with a variation on the beautiful Franciscan prayer which exhorts us all to think about what we can do to change the world. Excerpt below:

“May God bless us with the foolishness to think
We can make a difference to our world,
So that we will do the things
That others tell us cannot be done.”

Sr Clare invited participants to share their ideas about what safeguarding means in their own community, which highlighted that safeguarding is *“making the world safer, putting an antenna out/ raising awareness/my safety too, not taking advantage of vulnerable people, creating an enabling environment to evangelise, working with vulnerable people, based on scriptures with a gospel imperative, bringing people together, building up legitimate trust and the glue that binds us together.”*

Information was shared about the practical arrangements for safeguarding in each of the orders. The Safeguarding Office in Hallam has a key role in supporting the orders and providing training, and Sister Clare sits on the Hallam Catholic Safeguarding Commission.

A good time was had by all - “it did what it said on the tin”.

Good Practice

St Joseph’s, Dinnington recently held an event for its pastoral care group; 3 hours of interactive fun, whilst learning about vulnerable adults. The training encouraged people to think about hidden needs that may make people vulnerable.

Many adults with hidden disabilities or illnesses report experiences of insensitive comments, lack of access to facilities, or a failure to understand their particular difficulties. The current Scope campaign about attitudes to disabled people is vital for our work in ensuring that all are included in church life.

Why not have a look at Scope’s “Current Attitudes towards Disabled People”, which can be found at <http://goo.gl/qlyw70>.



News

- The **Catholic Safeguarding Resource Area** is now available online at <http://www.csas.uk.net/resource-area/>. It provides a simple guide to safeguarding procedures. Your LSR has more information.
- 40 Priests, 39 Local Safeguarding Representatives and 3 DLPs have so far attended “**Towards a Culture of Safeguarding**” delivered by two of our Safeguarding Reps. Online training is now available.
- A good news story! Highlights from the **NCSC annual report**:
The working party on pastoral support for survivors is proposing a model of support for victims and survivors, based on the Hallam Project which could be implemented gradually across all Dioceses and Religious Communities.
The Commission has approved the setting up of a Survivors Advisory Panel which will help inform the work of the NCSC and the safeguarding policies and practices within the Catholic Church in England and Wales.
Over 95% of Catholic parishes in England and Wales have at least one safeguarding representative.