



# Diocese of Clogher



## **Safeguarding Training Strategy**

The Diocese of Clogher has put in place a robust Safeguarding Strategy to ensure that all children, young people and vulnerable adults are kept safe within the Church. A key element of this strategy is the training and development of clergy and parishioners and employees, working/volunteering with children, to ensure that all those working within the Church are aware of their responsibility when it comes to the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

In 2010 an all-Ireland standardised Safeguarding Training Programme was developed by the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (NBSCCCI). This has been delivered throughout the Archdiocese by Seamus Gunn, the Diocesan Training Co-ordinator, with a small team of volunteers. It is mandatory that all clergy, volunteers and those engaged in any ministry within the Church will attend these sessions.

The NBSCCCI was set up in 2005 and legally constituted for the Safeguarding of children and young people, so this training is solely focus on children. The 5 Northern Dioceses (Armagh, Clogher, Derry, Dromore & Kilmore) came together to examine and put in place a training element focusing on Safeguarding Adults.

Under the auspices of the 5 Northern Bishops, Volunteer Now was commissioned to design this programme “Keeping Adults Safe” (KAS), which is being rolled out throughout the 5 Dioceses. This means that all Church Personnel: clergy, those in lay ministries and employees who work directly with children, young people and/or adults have access to relevant training and information.

All Parishes will continue to be contacted to avail of this training and we thank, most sincerely, all Parish Priests/Administrators and Parish Safeguarding Representatives who ensure that this key element of the Safeguarding Strategy is effective.



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As well as the National Board training, specialised training will be offered, based on a needs assessment, to all who are working within the Safeguarding area. The Diocese works closely with other agencies and personnel who can contribute to the effective development of the Safeguarding Strategy. Safeguarding personnel will continue to work closely with the National Board and other safeguarding networks.

Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic face to face training has not taken place this year but recently Seamus Gunn has provided some online training. The National Board for Safeguarding Children has also provided some online training.

If you have any training needs please contact Seamus Gunn, Diocesan Training Co-ordinator.

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