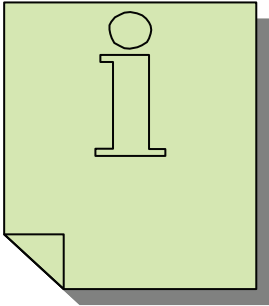


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Safeguarding Matters

Welcome to the 3rd issue of Safeguarding Matters



This is the 3rd issue of a bi-monthly Newsletter that COPCA releases to all those within the Church with some responsibility for safeguarding children and vulnerable people. If you have any comments to make about this issue, please email Sally Robinson (sally.robinson@copca.org.uk)

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- 1 All those who work, or apply to work, in a role with children and/or vulnerable adults will be required to apply for ISA scheme membership. The scheme applies to those in paid and voluntary roles and is mandatory.
- 1 It will be a criminal offence for an organisation to employ (this also relates to volunteers) a person to work in "regulated activity" (*meaning in summary any specific activity that involves frequent, intensive or overnight contact with children or vulnerable adults in and certain defined positions of responsibility*) who is barred OR has not yet been registered onto the ISA scheme. It is also a criminal offence for an organisation to employ a person to work in "regulated activity" who has NOT been checked for their ISA scheme membership status.
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Employers will be subject to penalties if the legislation in this regard is breached. The penalties are a £5000 fine or 5 years imprisonment or both. Therefore in order to protect all those within the Church who would be deemed to be "employers" i.e. Diocesan Trustees for example; COPCA has recommended that information be gathered regarding all those post holders who work with Children and/or Vulnerable Adults; those who work within adult social care or educational settings including the ancillary support roles (this relates mainly to the Religious); and those who volunteer their services in a multitude of capacities within a parish setting. Until ISA publish the final guidance regarding the specific roles that are considered "regulated" * or "controlled" * (*this relates to frequent or intensive support work in health settings, the NHS, adult social care and further education settings*) activity, COPCA is encouraging that details of all volunteers are gathered. This ensures that those who will fall within the remit of the scheme can immediately be identified. Otherwise parishes, Orders and Dioceses may have to gather additional information of applicable categories of worker covered by the Scheme at a later date.

* Further information will be provided regarding "Regulated" and "Controlled" activities once the Independent Safeguarding Authority issues its published Guidance.

Did you know....

The ISA service will extend to England, Wales and Northern Ireland, *although arrangements for application and appeals may differ slightly in Northern Ireland.*

A separate but similar scheme is being set up in Scotland. Anyone included on a Barred List in Scotland will also be barred from working with children and vulnerable adults across the UK.



AS AT 1/4/08, THE HOME OFFICE ANNOUNCE THE ISA SCHEME WILL GO-LIVE ON 12TH OCTOBER 2009

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COPCA is coming to a town near you...

As mentioned in Issue 2 of Safeguarding Matters, from April 2008 through the summer, COPCA will be coming to a venue near you to provide information on the Independent Safeguarding Authority scheme amongst other relevant topics.

The confirmed dates and times (as at time of this Newsletter being released) are listed below by Diocese. For more information please contact your local Diocesan Child Protection office.



Diocese	Date	Time	Venue
Arundel & Brighton	17/5/08	11am – 1pm	The Friary, Crawley
Birmingham	4/6/08	7pm – 9pm	Cathedral House, Birmingham
Brentwood	16/7/08	7pm – 9pm	St Augustines Church, Chelmsford
Cardiff	25/6/08	7pm – 9pm	St Joseph's, Cardiff
Clifton	19/4/08	11am – 1pm	St Bede's, Bristol
East Anglia	6/9/08	10.30am – 12pm	Bishops House, Poringland
Hallam	21/6/08	11am – 1pm	Hallam Pastoral Centre, Sheffield
Lancaster	12/4/08	Mid-am to mid-afternoon	Cathedral Centre, Lancaster
Leeds	3/6/08	2pm – 4pm	Mount St Josephs, Leeds
Liverpool	9/5/08	10am – 1 pm	Hall 2, LACE, Liverpool
Menevia	15/4/08	11am – 1pm	The Blessed Sacrament Church, Swansea
Middlesbrough	26/4/08	11am – 1pm	All Saints Lower School, York
Northampton	10/7/08	7pm – 9pm	Cathedral of Our Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury, Northampton
Northampton	14/7/08	7pm – 9pm	The Crypt, St Anthony, Slough
Nottingham	6/5/08	7pm – 9pm	Derby
Nottingham	3/6/08	7pm – 9pm	Newark
Plymouth	12/5/08	7pm – 9pm	Dorchester
Plymouth	13/5/08	7pm – 9pm	Plymouth
Portsmouth	7/5/08	7pm – 9pm	Cathedral House, Portsmouth
Salford	22/11/08	2pm – 4pm	RE Centre, Manchester
Shrewsbury	27/6/08	7pm – 9 pm	Stockport
Southwark	28/6/08	11am – 1 pm	Good Shepherd, Bromley, Kent
Westminster	18/4/08	10.30 – 12.30 & 1.30 – 3.30	Cathedral Hall, Westminster
Wrexham	14/6/08	1.30pm – 3.30pm	Loretto Centre, Llandudno

The next issue of “Safeguarding Matters” is due out in June 2008