

CSAS

Safeguarding Matters

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Welcome to the 9th issue of Safeguarding Matters

This is the 8th issue of a bi-monthly Newsletter that CSAS releases to all those within the Church with some responsibility for safeguarding vulnerable groups. If you have any comments to make about this issue, please email Sally Robinson (sally.robinson@csas.uk.net)

On the road again....

CSAS will be returning to a venue near you during May and June this year to provide details of how the Vetting & Barring Scheme will actually impact on Parish and Religious activities; what types of roles are covered by the Scheme and how the processes will practically work. Listed below are the dates and times of our confirmed events in each Diocese. If you would like to attend an event in your locality, please contact your Diocesan Safeguarding Office. For those who are members of Religious Orders, please contact your Regional Commission or your local Diocese to book onto an event.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Diocese</i>	<i>Time</i>
Wed 6th May	Westminster & Southwark (joint event)	7 - 9 pm
Wed 13th May	Menevia	11 am - 1 pm
Thu 14th May	Cardiff	11 am - 1 pm
Sat 16th May	Northampton	11 am - 1 pm
Tue 19th May	Plymouth	7 - 9 pm
Wed 20th May	Middlesbrough	7 - 9 pm
Sat 23rd May	East Anglia	11 am - 1 pm
Tue 9th Jun	Nottingham	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Fri 12th Jun	Portsmouth	6.30 - 8.30 pm
Sat 13th Jun	Arundel & Brighton	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Tue 16th Jun	Brentwood	7 - 9 pm
Fri 19th Jun	Shrewsbury	7 - 9 pm
Sat 20th Jun	Wrexham	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Tue 23rd Jun	Clifton	7 - 9 pm
Wed 24th Jun	Liverpool	6.30 - 8.30 pm
Thu 25th Jun	Lancaster	11 am - 1 pm
Fri 26th Jun	Salford	7 - 9 pm
Sat 27th Jun	Hexham & Newcastle	2 - 4 pm
Tue 30th Jun	Birmingham	7 - 9 pm
Wed 1st Jul	Leeds	7 - 9 pm
Thu 2nd Jul	Hallam	7 - 9 pm

Confused about Portability of CRB Disclosures and Vetting & Barring Registration?

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What is Portability?

The ability to use a CRB Disclosure for a number of roles across more than 1 organisation (e.g. as a teacher and for parish work). The CRB no longer support this service due to identified risks.

What are the risks?

- The Disclosure is only valid on the day it is printed. Offences may have been committed between then and when a subsequent organisation is considering using the previously obtained check.
- Registered Bodies are legally responsible for processing checks in accordance with the CRB Code of Practice. If it accepts a check from another Registered Body it accepts the risk that identity verification has not been carried out properly for example.
- Enhanced Disclosures sometimes have “additional” information released under separate cover by the Police. This information is not transferable.

What is the benefit of having a National Database?

In the Catholic Church we record all CRB Disclosures applied for, which have been submitted via CSAS as the Registered Body, onto our National Database. This allows us to create “internal portability”. Individuals can carry out a variety of roles across England & Wales on one CRB check, provided that the check was at the correct level (Standard/Enhanced) and for the right group/s (children and/or vulnerable adults).

Is Vetting & Barring “portable”?

Vetting & Barring is a “once in a lifetime” registration that is fully portable for any concurrent or consecutive role with vulnerable groups whether paid or voluntary. It does not however remove the need to have CRB checks for various roles across different agencies. Duplicate checks are still required if a person is a teacher, Trustee, Scout Leader and children’s liturgist for example.

Why will we still need CRB Disclosures?

The Vetting & Barring registration scheme identifies those who are considered unsuitable to work with vulnerable groups; it does not indicate the suitability of a person to carry out a particular role. The CRB check will continue to provide full criminal record information in order that an organisation can fully determine if an individual is suitable for a specific post in the Church.

If you have any questions about Portability of Disclosures and how this varies to Vetting & Barring registration, please contact Sally Robinson for assistance.



The Home Office announced on 19th March that the Vetting & Barring scheme will be introduced in 3 key stages.

As of 12th October 2009, the new barred lists will replace existing lists i.e. List 99, POCA and POVA.

From July 2010 the registration of “new” people applying to work with vulnerable groups comes into effect. At this time the new amalgamated CRB and VBS Registration Application Form will come into operation. Also the 5 year phasing strategy for the “existing workforce” commences.

As of November 2010, legal obligations around checking the registration of “new” potential post-holders become effective.

The next issue of “Safeguarding Matters” is due out in June 2009