



# Safe & Sound - No. 23 – March 2010

## Business as usual.....

There are still many rumours flying around about the changes that will follow from the introduction of the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) in July. All we can say at the moment is that our national body CSAS has still not received final guidance from the Home Office and ISA as to what those changes might be and how they will affect us.

Until we hear differently, therefore, we would ask you all to carry on just as you have always done, using the same familiar procedures. In other words - business as usual!

The one small change to date is that on line B13 of the CRB form we no longer need the initials CHN or VAD - it is enough to write CHURCH MINISTRY. But don't worry if you forget that - I can easily amend the forms.

## CRB Disclosure application forms - submission deadline

After just one quiet week we have again been deluged today with Disclosure application forms. The new CRB Disclosure paperwork and ISA procedures will come into use in July, and we will need lots of time to set up and run training sessions and adapt the Parish Pack, guides, etc - and it is clear that it will all come in a rush at the end. Please help us by making sure that you submit all your outstanding CRB Disclosure application forms before **the end of April 2010**. If you have volunteers who still need to be checked, please ask them to help you to beat that deadline - the end of April is sure to bring a rush....

## Database update

In line with CSAS recommendations, I will this week remove from the database all those volunteers who submitted their Confidential Declaration Forms **before the end of August 2009** and who have not yet moved on to do their CRB Disclosure application. If they are removed from the list they must then submit a new Safeguarding Self Declaration (the CDF replacement) before they can go further.

## Holidays

I shall be here on Friday of this week, 5 March, and then away for just over two weeks, returning on Wednesday 24 March.

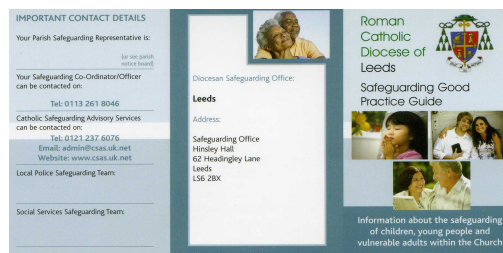
Suzanne is away all this week, and has training and other commitments in the early part of next week, so she will not be fully available again until Thursday 11 March.

The office will be closed for an extended Easter break, from Good Friday, 2 April, reopening on Friday 9 April. We will be here for most of the rest of April to try and clear all those CRB forms....!

*Stephen Hanslip*

## Guides and Booklets

We still have a considerable number of the very-small-print Good Practice Guide cards (below) that we first sent out late last year. If you would like any more for your parish in general (rather than just your volunteers) please tell me and I will send you some.



The A5-booklets for volunteers have proved very popular, and have almost all gone - but we can let you have a few more, if you are certain that they are needed. And do you all have your Parish Pack? One has gone to every member of the clergy and to every rep - but if you have somehow missed out, please let us know as soon as possible.

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