



## Safe & Sound - No. 26 – September 8, 2010

### Vetting and Barring Scheme - no further news.

The Government's review into the Vetting and Barring Scheme continues.  
**We have no idea how long the review will take or what the findings might be.**

#### Parish volunteers need a Disclosure

All those working with vulnerable groups must now have an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Disclosure, and anybody continuing with their Ministry after the Bishop's letter of 26 July is acting (as the Director CSAS put it) 'recklessly'. They are probably jeopardising any insurance cover for their parish - and for themselves.

New-style CRB Disclosure application forms are now fairly freely available; a number of Disclosures have been issued since the new system began; and I struggle to see any justification for continuing in Ministry without a Disclosure.

#### New edition of the Guide

The CRB continues to issue revised Guidance on completing the Disclosure application forms.

Edition 2 of the Leeds Diocese Guide - which includes all the revisions issued by the CRB - is now available. It has been issued to all parish reps alongside this Newsletter, and there is a copy on the Documents page of the Safeguarding website. If you would like further printed copies please just let me know.

Please destroy your copy of Edition 1 - July 2010.

#### SVP in the parishes

Our national body CSAS has agreed with SVP nationally that parish SVP Conferences are now formally responsible for providing their volunteers with application forms and Safeguarding Self Declarations (SSDs), and for taking up references. CSAS has issued versions of both the volunteer application form and the SSD which show the SVP logo, and which are to be issued to SVP members through the SVP itself.

**For SVP members only**, parish reps are asked only to complete the CRB Disclosure application forms and then send them, along with the (SVP-labelled) SSD, the Confirmation of Identity form and the photocopies, to this office. **For all other volunteers**, continue as normal.

**We are away again....** I shall be away from the office for two weeks beginning 13 September - back again on Monday 27 September. Suzanne will also be involved in meetings away from Leeds for much of that time, but she will check her voicemail from time to time and will follow up any urgent referrals.

#### New parishes in Leeds

I am still trying to find the time to update all the details of the new parishes in Leeds.

I know that this is especially important to parish clergy (and parishioners) looking to build new communities, so please bear with me until I can make the changes on both the Diocesan and the national database. In the meantime I am happy to see either old or new parish names on paperwork that you send in to the office, and when the changes are finally made everything will be updated - trust me!

**First Aid Training** at Myddelton Grange on Friday 17 September - 09.30 - 15.30 - cost is £55 for *Basic Appointed Person's Course*. Contact Fr Francis McCrickard on 01943 607887.

#### New-style CRB forms

The new-style CRB Disclosure application forms are now available in reasonable numbers, but I would be grateful if reps would continue to ask only for the number of forms that they can use within a week or two - at least until the end of September, when we expect supplies to be back pretty much as normal.

I have already sent out 284, in addition to the 120 of the 'one per rep' of the initial mailing, and only 50 have come back so far ..... Keep them coming, but I hope I don't find all 350 waiting for me when I return on 27 September!

#### Training dates

Please see the attached flyers for details of the training dates for new reps and for parishes. As I will be away for a little while now please send all responses directly to Suzanne.

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