

## **INTRODUCTION**

In response to the Recommendations of the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church (NBSCCCI) in their Review of Safeguarding Practice, published October 2014, the Vincentians have continued to implement these.

The attached update template reflects this ongoing work. With regard to some recommendations (specifically one and two) we have, in consultation with the CEO of the National Board, decided to adapt guidelines which will be included in the new Safeguarding Standards which the National Board plans to publish in January 2015

## Review of Safeguarding Practice

Diocese/Order: Vincentians

*NB: (See Notes on Recommendations document attached)*

<b><u>Recommendation</u></b>	<b>Action- Progress</b>
<u>1.</u>	Implemented Feb. 2015, June 2015
<u>2.</u>	Implemented Feb. 2015, June 2015
<u>3.</u>	Fully implemented 08/12/2014
4..	There is no recommendation 4 in the Report
5.	Ongoing in collaboration with Diocese
6.	Implemented January 2015
7.	Implemented January 2015
8	Fully implemented January 04/07/2015
9	N/A
10	N/A

## NOTES ON RECOMMENDATIONS

### **RECOMMENDATIONS ONE & TWO:**

We compiled a statement about the management of those who pose risk to children, and adopted a process for complaints by January, but opted more recently to adopt those being proposed in the new National Guidelines *viz.* 4.4A, 4.4B and 1.7A respectively.

### **Recommendation Three:**

This was fully implemented in November 2014 and is the template now used to file reports. (*cf.* 2.1A Draft National Guidelines).

### **Recommendation Four:**

There was no Recommendation Four in the Report.

### **Recommendation Five:**

The Parish Church is used by two groups of non-national parishioners; African Community, Nigerian and English speaking, and Indian Community, Syro-Malabar Rite, English speaking. By consulting the last census we discover that the largest immigrant group which is non-English speaking is Polish. The Polish Community worship in Dominic Street and High Street parishes. We have however met with the chaplains for non-national groups and are in consultation with the Diocese which has commissioned a Polish chaplain in High Street to produce a translation for the diocesan safeguarding policy. As our parish in Phibsboro implements and abides by Diocesan policies on safeguarding we will implement this Polish version of the policies in our parish when it is published.

### **Recommendations Six & Seven:**

We decided to respond to these recommendations together as they have some overlap and complement each other. We planned and held a training day in January. This day was attended by all in safeguarding roles at leadership level (Safeguarding Co-ordinator, DLP, Victim Support and Priest Advisor, as well as the parish safeguarding representatives, and a member of the Safeguarding committee).

The day addressed several aspects, including: safeguarding roles and responsibilities, levels of training and gaps that need to be addressed, how roles interact and support each other. To fulfil the latter we did a case study which enabled people to see how and when they needed to engage with each other. As a result of this day some have accessed further training for their role.

### **Recommendation Eight:**

A lay person has accepted the role of Victim Support Person at Provincial level. We decided to continue to have a priest in this role so that survivors may have the option of either person.

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29<sup>th</sup> July 2015*