

Bullet points from the Safeguarding Committee meetings held on 16th September and 2nd December 2020. Via Zoom.

Over the last few months the Safeguarding Committee has meet twice, the main points from these meetings are listed below.

1. Newsletter-safeguarding newsletter written and sent out via Email in November.
2. Parish Self-Audits. Due to the situation with Covid-19 pandemic, the National Board has advised the Bishop that there is no requirement from them for the Audits this year. The committee agreed that follow up with those outstanding from 2019 will be the priority.
3. Adult Safeguarding Policy- An Adult safeguarding policy for the seven Dioceses in Munster has been signed off with by the Bishops and will be reviewed in 2023. A training programme will then be developed for a 2hr information session in the new year.
4. Garda Vetting. The vetting bureau are bringing in legislation for re-vetting. It will become compulsory for organisations to re-vet people every 3 years. The Diocese will await the implementation date before changing the vetting policy and notifying parishes etc. A data base is being compiled by Elaine (Vetting person in Diocese) showing who has been vetted in each parish, to assist parishes in ensuring all relevant personnel have vetting in place.
5. Training-All training has been suspended due to Covid-19. A new training plan will be out on the website along with updated communication and strategy plan.
6. An updated Whistleblowing policy will be on website in next few weeks (End of December)
7. A zoom support meeting will be arranged within Deaneries areas in January / February by zoom. The purpose will be to check in with the parish reps and priests and answer any questions and give support in any safeguarding areas etc. The dates will be sent out to reps and parish priests, asking them to say which one they can attend and the zoom invite will them be sent directly.