

DIOCESE OF CORK AND ROSS

Safeguarding Communications Plan January 2023 to December 2025

Introduction.

The Diocese of Cork and Ross recognises that to keep children and adults safe, policies, procedures and plans have to be implemented and their effectiveness monitored and evaluated. In order to do this the Diocese has outlined the following plan to ensure the safeguarding message is adequately communicated to all those who work with children or vulnerable adults.

COMMUNICATING THE CHURCH’S SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE - STANDARD 6

| Who | What | How | Who is responsible? | When | Reviewed |
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| Lay Faithful | Safeguarding Policy & DLP contact details, Link on Website to safeguarding message/page | Diocesan Website | Diocesan Website is updated to ensure: 1. The name of DLP 2. Safeguarding Policy is up to date and available | Weekly and as part of annual audit | |
| | DLP contact details and key safeguarding message on laminated posters | Local Bulletin Parish Newsletter | The Parish Priest/LSR is responsible for: 1. Ensuring the name of the DLP and contact details are included in the bulletin 2. Ensuring that policies are on view in designated locations owned by the parish | Annually | |
| | Safeguarding Awareness Month | Email short communication to parish priests for parish newsletters and parish websites | 1. DLP 2. Diocesan Safeguarding Committee | | |

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| Local Safety Representative (LSR) | Updates on the work of the committee and notice of upcoming events | Safeguarding Committee Newsletter | Diocesan Safeguarding Committee | Bi-annually | |
| | Increase awareness and understanding of Safeguarding Policy and the 7 Standards | Safeguarding Conference as part of Safeguarding Month | DLP and trainers | Annually TBC | |
| | Full day training for new LSR and parish priests | Training Plan | DLP and trainers | Annually | |
| | Parish Audit | A copy will be sent to parish priests and LSR to complete and return to the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee | DLP and Diocesan Office, Diocesan Safeguarding Committee and trainers | Annually in October | |
| | 2 hr Workshop for all working with children and vulnerable adults in the Archdiocese | A member of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee and the DLP or trainer will facilitate a workshop | Diocesan Safeguarding Committee and trainers | Annually- TBC | |

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| Other agencies including Statutory authorities: TUSLA, HSE and An Garda Síochána | <p>Diocese Safeguarding Policy and DLP contact details</p> <p>Link on Website to safeguarding message/page</p> <p>Inter-agency meeting with Tusla</p> | <p>Diocesan Website</p> <p>Face to face meetings</p> | <p>Diocesan Website is updated to ensure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of DLP 2. Safeguarding Policy is up to date and available DLP <p>Tusla & DLP</p> | <p>Weekly and as part of annual audit</p> <p>Twice a year</p> | |
| Bishop | <p>Annual Report</p> <p>Case Report</p> | <p>Written report presented to the Bishop</p> | <p>Diocesan Safeguarding Committee</p> <p>Director of Safeguarding</p> | <p>Annually</p> | |
| NBSCCCI | <p>Compliance with the 7 Standards</p> | <p>Letter confirming compliance</p> | <p>Bishop</p> | <p>Annually</p> | |

Signed :

Cleo Yates. Director of Safeguarding Committee

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Colin Daly Chair of Safeguarding

Dated. January 2023