

- In Portsmouth over 2,700 have now attended child or vulnerable adult protection training.
- Nottingham have added awareness raising of Domestic Abuse to their training schedule.

These are just a few examples from Diocesan training programmes. Within the Religious also progress has been made on both training and awareness raising where initiatives include:-

- Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of Newcastle have introduced their own in-house "Safeguarding Newsletter."
- Daughters of Jesus ensure all communities and every sister receive a copy of CSAS "Safeguarding Matters."
- The Hospitaller Order of St John of God have nearly 1,000 staff all subject to mandatory vulnerable adult training.

Management of Allegations

There has been a significant increase in the numbers of allegations of abuse reported in 2010 compared with 2009.

- Whilst the number reporting abuse occurring in the current year has not increased, those reporting incidents from the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's has. From this period allegations have risen from 20 reported in 2009 to 63 reported in 2010. The 18 allegations of abuse which occurred in 2010 represents 17.5% of victims reporting abuse whereas the 18 reported in 2009 represented 30.5% of victims.
- The total of 83 allegations of abuse against a child or young person related to 103 victims and 92 alleged abusers. This is due to both allegations that a single abuser had abused more than one child and where a child had been abused by more than one abuser.
- 61% of victims alleged abuse from the 1970's or earlier compared to 38.5% reporting in 2009.

Many of those reporting abuse highlighted publicity around the visit of the Pope and/or statements made by him, as reasons for prompting them to disclose, often for the first time and after so many years.

In addition we have reported this year on allegations of abuse of a vulnerable adult.

- There were 20 allegations in total, 12 relating to Diocesan office holders or employees and 8 relating to Religious office holders or employees.

If you want to see or download the complete report it can be accessed at www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk

If you have any queries or comments about anything in this summary please contact your Diocesan Safeguarding Office or Religious Safeguarding Representative.



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Annual Report
Summary 2010 - 2011

The year covered by this report was a very significant one for the NCSC and CSAS as we continued to meet the challenge of ensuring that the Catholic Church in England and Wales is a safe, welcoming and nurturing environment enabling people to grow in faith and love. As the report indicates the visit of Pope Benedict to Britain brought our work under intense scrutiny from the UK and international media. Pope Benedict, by meeting a group of people involved in safeguarding, highlighted the importance of the work undertaken by so many people across the Church. By meeting a group of survivors of abuse and in his strong statements, he recognised the very serious damage caused by abuse to individuals, families, communities and the Church. He challenged all of us in the Church to improve the way we respond to those who suffer abuse. As this report shows this is a key focus of the work of the NCSC and CSAS.

Having relocated to New Zealand may I take this opportunity to thank all those with whom I have worked over the last few years - my colleagues on the NCSC, co-members of the Cumberlege Commission, the safeguarding commissions and teams at local level. The Conference of Bishops and Conference of Religious have shown strong leadership in supporting our work. I particularly commend the excellent team at CSAS. They play a vital role in the Catholic Church and it was good to hear that so positively acknowledged during the meeting with Pope Benedict.



Bill Kilgallon

Bill Kilgallon, OBE Chair of The National Catholic Safeguarding Commission (NCSC) until December 2010

It is an honour to have been appointed as Chair of the National Catholic Safeguarding Commission. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill Kilgallon for the work he has done in steering the Commission so far.

The report shows how much work has been done; however I am aware that there is still much to do. Our focus for the coming year will be to:

- Ensure that Safeguarding standards are maintained throughout the Church;
- Develop a more sensitive and pastoral response to the victims and survivors of abuse;
- Seek solutions to support the Religious in their endeavours.

I look forward to working with my fellow Commission members, the CSAS team and the Bishops and Religious so that we can together better protect all those who may be the subject of abuse, particularly the young and the vulnerable who are in need of our protection, support and understanding.



Rt Hon. the Baroness Scotland

**Rt Hon. the Baroness Scotland of Asthal QC
Chair of the National Catholic Safeguarding Commission (NCSC) from March 2011**

NCSC DEVELOPMENTS 2010/2011

Having previously identified its 3 strategic priorities as:-

- Developing a more appropriate response to survivors.
 - Ensuring the Religious fully embrace the “One Church” approach to safeguarding.
 - Monitoring safeguarding practice through a national audit process.
- Through dialogue with survivors, survivors support organisations, insurers and solicitors we have begun to lay the foundations for a sensitive, consistent and just way of responding to those affected by abuse in a Church setting.
 - We are seeking a more sustainable organisational arrangement to support the Religious in their safeguarding responsibilities by exploring how Diocesan Commissions might be resourced and reconfigured to enable Religious Congregations to align with them for safeguarding issues.
 - We have commissioned a 3 year programme of Diocesan audits, to be carried out by CSAS across all 22 Dioceses. 6 have been completed to date with the findings reported to the NCSC.
 - In addition we have introduced the Preliminary Enquiry Protocol across the whole of England & Wales, following last year’s pilot study. 16 enquiries have been commissioned from a pool of 12 independent persons, with 10 having been completed.
 - In June 2011 we organised, co-ordinated and hosted the Anglophone Conference which took place in Rome. We attracted 55 delegates from 20 countries who enjoyed thought provoking inputs including:-
 - Learning from Research – Dr Karen Terry of John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
 - Learning from Survivors – Colm O’Gorman, Psychotherapist, Author and Survivor of Abuse
 - Learning from Practice – Dr Joe Sullivan, Forensic Psychologist.

CSAS DEVELOPMENTS 2010/2011

They have included:-

- Commencing a review of the National Policy for Creating a Safe Environment to take account of developments in such as use of mobile phone technology, social networking sites, internet “pornography” and also issues of concern when working with vulnerable adults.
- Continuing the work of Organisational Structures commenced in 2009 which this year agreed national standards to be achieved in:-
 - Training for priests
 - Training for Commission members
 - Effective communication between those with safeguarding responsibilities in the Dioceses (Trustees, Commission Chairs, Bishops etc).
- A successful 2 day event at Oscott for 23 priests (Diocesan and Religious), exploring how best to involve the clergy in safeguarding and understanding the impact emotionally, spiritually and practically, the abuse scandals have had on the clergy.
- Launching a web based resource to help those affected by domestic abuse and their supporters - www.cedar.uk.net. This was in conjunction with Caritas, Marriage and Family Life and the National Board of Catholic Women.

Developments in Dioceses, Parishes and Religious Congregations

“The Catholic Church of England and Wales, the Bishops and Congregational Leaders are committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church. We affirm the One Church approach to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults through the promotion of a sustained and sustainable culture of constant vigilance.

The Church wishes to ensure that its parishes and Religious Congregations have the confidence to enable vulnerable people to have peace of mind, knowing they will be cared for and loved by their Christian community.”
National Safeguarding Procedures of the Catholic Church in England & Wales, www.csasprocedures.uk.net

Much of this confidence is achieved through the efforts of committed safeguarding reps in our parishes and training delivered in our Dioceses and Religious Congregations.

In 2010 within the Dioceses alone nearly 800 training events took place involving 6,000 participants.

This included:-

- In Cardiff, delivery to 56 of 61 Parish Reps training in child protection. The remaining 5 received similar training through their employment (Social Services, Police etc).
- In East Anglia, a series of 5 one day safeguarding training sessions were provided for volunteers at key locations around the Diocese.