

Summary of the Trustee's Safeguarding Committee meeting on 27 June 2024

New Strategic Plan

Work was underway to migrate outstanding items from the Implementation Plan, which had been created when the new arrangements for safeguarding were introduced in 2020, to the Strategic Plan.

Religious Life Safeguarding Service (RLSS)

It was confirmed that the management of a lay person considered a potential risk who worships in a parish owned/run by a Religious Life Group would fall to the Diocese, rather than the RLSS.

Educare

It was noted that the Diocese had procured a licence with Educare to continue to provide the Diocese with online training once the CSSA contract expired on 30 June 2024.

Volunteer Support Persons

Looking to the practice in Ireland, it was agreed that further thought would be given to the provision of support persons for those who report abuse.

Historic Case Review report

It was agreed that the Safeguarding Service would provide a report capturing the work of the (completed) Historic Case Review.

Training Sub Committee

A Training Sub-Committee would be added to the existing sub committees reporting to the Safeguarding Committee.

DBS Processes

The Committee received a report from the Senior Parish Support Officer on ongoing improvements to Safer Recruitment and DBS processes.

Approvals

The Committee approved:

- Guidance for Tenants (for recommendation to the Trustee Board)
- Safeguarding Induction Process
- Lourdes Safeguarding Policies (for recommendation to the Trustee Board)

It was noted that the public statements policy had been approved by the Cross Curial Committee.

The next meeting is on Thursday 3 October 2024.