

## **PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING COMMISSION**

### **Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 18 January 2012, 1.30pm at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Popley, Basingstoke, Hants RG24 9DX**

**Present** Lorna Duggan (Commission Chair & Minutes) (LD), Kate Burke (KB), Margaret Muncaster (MM), Fr David Sillince (DS), Paul O'Driscoll (POD), Paul Neary (PN)

In Attendance representing the Bishop's Council – Rev Mgr Vincent Harvey (VH)

*LD welcomed everyone to the meeting and Fr David led with a prayer*

**Apologies:** Angela McGrory (AMcG), Soraya Ciccarone

#### **1) Minutes of Meeting held on 16 November 2011**

Correction 8) Para 3 – the Commission decided 4 to 2 not 3 to 2 on advising the Trustees to appeal.

#### **2) Matters Arising (not on Agenda)**

LD reported that the Trustees had decided on appealing the decision in the Baldwin case.

#### **3) DSC Report**

##### **4.2 Covenants of Care**

34, includes one in the making for a VA which needs discussion.

The review planned for today needs to be postponed along with AMcG putting POD & PN onto the CASE system which will allow real-time review via remote access.

**ACTION AMcG**

##### **4.3 CRB re checks**

Presently 60 priests 18 deacons have completed re-checks.

##### **4.4 Update on Action Plan (regarding review by George White)**

Discussed update and attached to minutes.

**ACTION LD**

##### **4.5 Miscellaneous**

Clergy Training mop up re-arranged for 29 February. AMcG has forwarded the list of those clergy who have not attended safeguarding training for Mgr John Nelson to act upon.

Training in parishes - Total for 2011	Child Protection	641
	VA	575

The Commission agreed that a great deal of training has taken place within the Diocese and this builds on the good work of previous years. Well done to AMcG and her team!

AMcG has highlighted 8 parishes which she is concerned about:

It was unclear to the Commission, in AMcG's absence, the level of activity in these parishes with regards to working with children and vulnerable adults. Another issue is whether Parish Priests have made a decision about whether all Eucharistic Ministers need to be checked and trained or just those visiting people in their homes. The Commission suggested that the Safeguarding Office asks Parish Priests/Safeguarding Reps how Eucharistic Ministers are being dealt with and the amount of activities with children and vulnerable adults.

AMcG will write to the Parish Priests regarding their non-compliance with the directive from the Bishop on awareness training and inform the Trustees of the situation.

**ACTION AMcG**

**4) Chair's Update**

Nothing to report other than the biannual national safeguarding meeting takes place in February at Swannick and AMcG and LD will be attending.

**5) Information Sharing Protocol**

Commission members had read the document before the meeting and there were no difficulties with the protocol. It is unclear whether CSAS or the Diocese will deliver training. This needs to be clarified.

**ACTION LD**

**6) Any Other Business**

LD raised the possibility of inviting survivor(s) to join the Commission – this needs to be carefully thought through and discussed at a later date.

**ACTION ALL**

*LD thanked everyone for attending and the meeting ended at 2.30pm with a prayer led by Fr David.*

**Dates of Meetings for 2012**

Wednesday 21st March @ 1.30pm – St Bede's, Basingstoke

Wednesday 23rd May @ 1.30pm – St Bede's, Basingstoke

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – @ 1.30pm St Bede's, Basingstoke

Wednesday 19th September @ 1.30pm – St Bede's, Basingstoke

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November @ 1.30pm – St Bede's, Basingstoke