

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 15th September 2016 at 3.00pm

Venue: The Aula, Bishop's House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth PO1 3HG
(Followed by Meeting with the Bishop's Council at 5pm to 6.30pm)

Present: Paul O'Driscoll (PO'D) (Chair), Father John Lee (Fr JL), Paul Neary (PN), Kate Burke (KB), Liz Slinn (LS), Meta Muncaster (MM), Stephen Morgan (SDM) & Mark Bramah (MB)

In Attendance:

Angela McGrory (AMcG) & Soraya Ciccarone (Minutes).

PO'D welcomed everyone to the Commission meeting and Fr JL led with a prayer.
(SDM to leave at 4.15pm to join Bishop's Council)

Apologies – Abbot Cuthbert Brogan, Sister Elizabeth McCormack, Father David Sillince & Fiona Matthews.

1) Minutes of Meeting held on 13th July 2016

Factual Accuracy – **Page 5** – Change to be noted.

Actions from meeting:-

PO'D said that almost all previous actions had been completed or removed from the agenda, although there were two actions from the previous meeting relating to ongoing cases which will be covered under today's DSC report from Angela.

2) Matters Arising (not on Agenda)

Caritas Report – AMcG said that this had been included for information sharing only. PO'D requested that going forward this report, when received, continues to be included.
Confidential discussion around one item on the agenda.

3) DSC Report

3.1 Ongoing Cases & 3.2 New Cases

Non-Confidential

3.3 Covenants of Care (COC) (And the Reviewing of these)

36 current but still under review.

3.4 Update/Progress - E-Bulk

AMcG reported that we are using E-Bulk but are not at the stage yet of teaching our Reps how to use it. It is now taking 1 – 5 days to process a DBS check using E-Bulk.

3.5 Update – Father Paul Lyons to brief the Commission Re Work of St Luke's Institute

As mentioned earlier it has been agreed for Father Paul Lyons to attend the next Commission Meeting in November to brief the Commission.

3.6 Safeguarding Day of Reflection – 14th October (Winchester)

AMcG asked all present to please register their attendance if able to attend if not already done so.

3.7 World Youth Day – Poland

AMcG reported that World Youth Day had gone well on the whole but there were a few safeguarding issues whilst there which were quickly resolved at the time.

Confidential discussion around one item on the agenda.

4) Commission Meeting Dates 2017 & Commission Membership

(All meetings to start at 1.30pm apart from Meeting with Bishop's Council –Time TBC)

Wednesday 11th January **(Chandlers Ford - TBC)**

Wednesday 15th March **(St Bede's, Basingstoke)**

Wednesday 17th May **(Chandlers Ford - TBC)**

??? July – Meeting with Bishop's Council – TBC ???

Wednesday 13th September **(St Bede's, Basingstoke)**

Wednesday 15th November **(Chandlers Ford – TBC)**

There was a discussion regarding a change of venue for meetings in the south of the Diocese, making them a little more accessible for those travelling from the north. Currently we meet at St Boniface in Shirley, Southampton but enquiries will be made as to whether there is a suitable venue for our meetings at St Edward the Confessor in Chandlers Ford, given its proximity to the M3 and M27 (TBC with Father John Nelson).

ACTION AMcG/SC

AMcG reported that it is possible that a serving Police Officer, who is employed in a MAPPA in Hampshire, may be able to join the Commission. AMcG will report back further on this.

ACTION AMcG

LS reported that she will have been a Trustee for 10 years very soon and so will be stepping down from the Trustees and hence from the Safeguarding Commission after the November meeting. A new Trustee link will be appointed.

PO'D thanked everyone for their participation and the meeting ended at 4.50pm.

Meeting Dates & Venues for last meeting of 2016 - Meeting to start at 1.30pm

Wednesday 16th November – St Boniface, Southampton