

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH (“THE DIOCESE”)**

**SAFEGUARDING POLICY – TRUSTEES**

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth adopts the National Policies of the Catholic Church as produced by COPCA (Now CSAS). [www.copca.org.uk](http://www.copca.org.uk)

This single set of National policies and Procedures were put in place as a result of the Nolan report in 2001.

The Catholic Church has worked towards a ‘One Church Approach’ in relation to the Protection Of Children and Vulnerable Adults, hence since the introductions of National Policies and Procedures in this area, the Diocese of Portsmouth follows these guidelines and has not updated a Diocesan Policy as there is no need . There are separate policies and procedures covering the below areas.

- Access to Records Procedure (November 2007)
- Clergy Testimonial of Suitability (November 2007)
- Confidential Reporting Policy (April 2008)
- CRB Policies & Procedures (November 2007)
- Creating a Safe Environment Policy
- Cross Boundary Placement Policy
- Independent Risk Assessment Policy
- INTERIM POLICY on Blemished CRB Checks (April 2006)
- National Child Protection Policy Statement
- Organisational Structures Policy
- Policy Guidance on Photographs of Children
- Principles of Speaking with Adult Survivors of Sexual Abuse Policy (under revision)
- Responding to Allegations Policy
- Support Policy (Healing the Wound) (November 2007)

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Right Reverend Roger Francis Crispian Hollis, Bishop of Portsmouth

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