



Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency

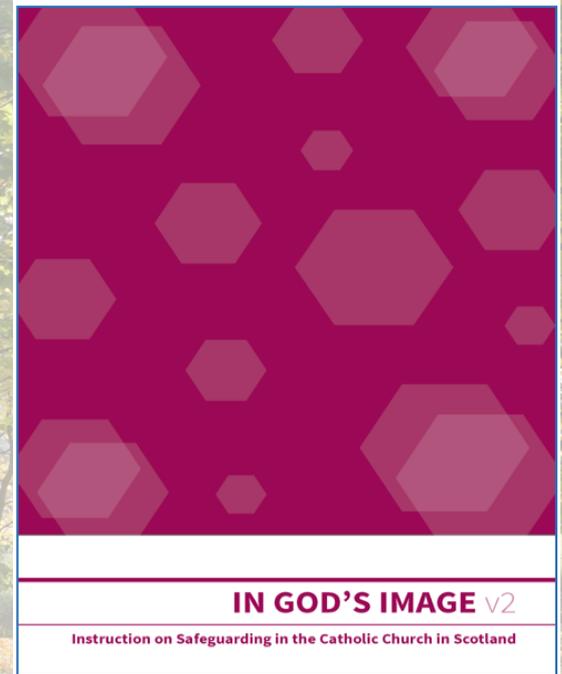
Priority Actions

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Walking Together in Safeguarding: a Journey of Personal and Communal Conversion

Background

- Priorities aligned to In God's Image v2
- Six key Board functions
- 42 actions
- Four Board sub-committees



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Key functions

- Take account of the perspectives of survivors of abuse in the development of safeguarding policy and practice.
- Promote national safeguarding standards.
- Monitor, review and report on compliance with safeguarding standards.

| SCSSA Key Function 1 | Taking account of the perspectives of survivors of abuse in the development of safeguarding policy and practice. | | |
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| Action | Responsible | Start | End |
| 1.1 Engage with those who have experienced abuse and invite them to offer their perspectives on how Safeguarding practice should develop in the Church. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Board Directors • SCSSA Director • Head of Training | ongoing | |
| 1.2 Arrange for Board Directors to hear survivor testimony. | • Board Chair | June 2022 | ongoing |
| 1.3 Establish Board sub-committee to promote 'survivor engagement'. | • Board Chair | | |
| 1.4 Appoint Board member to act as 'survivor liaison' and work with SCSSA Director. | • Board Chair | | |
| 1.4 Ensure that the experience of survivors informs the work of the SCSSA Board. | • Board Chair | ongoing | |
| 1.6 Consider how a 'forum' can be created to enable survivors to offer their views and to share their insights. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement sub-c/ttee • SCSSA Director | Nov. 2022 | ongoing |

Key functions

- Lead safeguarding learning.
- Develop processes to deal with whistle-blowing and with complaints about responses to safeguarding allegations.
- Manage communications on national safeguarding policy and practice.

| SCSSA Key Function 3 | | Monitoring, reviewing and reporting on compliance with safeguarding standards. | | |
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| Action | Responsible | Start | End | |
| 3.1 Consider the outcomes of the safeguarding audit and implications for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• improvements required in safeguarding practice• training• communications with diocese, parishes, religious congregations and Catholic organisations on audit outcomes. | • Board Directors | August 2022 | ongoing | |

Actions

- Engage with those who have experienced abuse and invite them to offer their perspectives on how Safeguarding practice should develop in the Church.
- Ensure that the experience of survivors informs the work of the SCSSA Board.
- Manage the development of advice and resources to ensure effective Safeguarding Risk Assessments.

Actions

- Lead and manage the development of national Safeguarding Resources
- Develop a Communications plan
- Consider the outcomes of the safeguarding audit and implications

Actions

- Report annually on issues and trends emerging from annual audits
- Establish the Safeguarding Training Advisory Group (STAG)
- Develop a national Safeguarding Learning Network
- Develop a written communications plan

Board sub-committees

- Survivor engagement – Marie Connell
- Policy and Resources – Greg Gallagher
- Education and Training – Clare McDade
- Safeguarding Audit – Pauline McDonald

Questions for you?

- What are you hoping for?
- What will your part be?
- How will you respond to our priorities?
- What is your feedback?



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