

Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia



POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW

DEVELOPMENT

The report of the Nolan Committee "A Programme for Action" 2001 recommended that:-

"The whole Church in England & Wales and the individual bishops and religious superiors should commit themselves to:

- A single set of policies, principles and practices based on the Paramountcy Principle, the 13 principles in "Safe From Harm" and the revised "Working Together" guidelines." (Recommendation 3)

This policy development commenced in 2001 and has continued, incrementally over the intervening years.

In 2007 "Safeguarding with Confidence", the report of the Cumberlege Commission endorsed the need for a single set of policies and procedures and recommended that the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service (CSAS):

- "Complete the development of policies that Lord Nolan recommended including policies on vulnerable adults, whistleblowing and information sharing.
- Ensure the policies on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults are kept up to date with sound secular practice and are accessible to people at all levels in the church, with an emphasis on people in parishes." (Recommendation 16)

This Resource Pack is part of the response to that recommendation. The full Policy and Procedure Manual has also been streamlined and simplified and can be found at: www.csas.uk.net

REVIEW

In order to ensure that the policies are up to date, effective and easy to follow, a review process has been introduced. Each policy area will be reviewed according to an agreed timetable. A named lead person will be appointed from a Diocese and/or Religious Congregation to oversee the review. They will be assisted by CSAS in this task.

In reviewing the working of the policy area views will be gathered from:

- Complaints systems;
- Children and Young People;
- Safeguarding Co-ordinators, Advisors and Parish Representatives;
- CSAS;
- Clergy and Religious;
- Safeguarding Commissions.

The review will take account of any changes in legislation or new guidance.