



Diocesan Safeguarding Audit 2022

All entries should relate to the period from January 2022 to December 2022. Your audit must be submitted by 17th March 2023.

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Standard 1: Creating and maintaining safe Church environments

1.1 Number of Parishes in the Diocese

ex: 23

Number only

1.2a Parishes with own PSC

ex: 23

Number only

1.2b Parishes with shared PSC

ex: 23

Number only

1.2c Parishes with NO PSC

ex: 23

Number only

1.3a Were any Diocesan premises used for activities involving children or vulnerable groups? (NB NOT Parish premises)

☐ Yes

☐ No

1.3b With regard to the above activities, which of these details does the Diocese include in its records?

☐ Group/activity name

☐ Date & time of event(s)

☐ Group leader's contact details

☐ Which Safeguarding policy is followed

☐ Date of most recent Safeguarding Risk Assessment

1.4 How many Safe Worship Plans were in place across the Diocese?

ex: 23

number only

1.5 Were there any particular challenges in managing Safe Worship Plans?

Type here...

Standard 2: Safely recruiting clergy, religious, lay employees and volunteers

2.1 Number of EMPLOYEES involved in regulated activities across the Diocese

ex: 23

Number only

2.2a Number OF VOLUNTEERS involved in regulated activities

ex: 23

Number only

2.2b Number of VOLUNTEERS WITH PVGs

ex: 23

Number only

2.3a) How many PERMANENT DEACONS were in active ministry in the Diocese?

ex: 23

Number only

2.3b) How many PERMANENT DEACONS did not hold current PVG membership?

ex: 23

Number only

2.4a) How many SECULAR PRIESTS were in active ministry in the Diocese?

ex: 23

Number only

2.4b) How many SECULAR PRIESTS did not hold current PVG membership?

ex: 23

Number only

2.5a) How many RELIGIOUS PRIESTS were in active ministry in the Diocese?

ex: 23

Number only

2.5b) How many RELIGIOUS PRIESTS did not

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ex: 23

Number only

2.6 Total number of VISITING CLERGY who supplied ministry in parishes.

ex: 23

Number only

2.7 Does the Diocese retain a record of the details of VISITING CLERGY who supplied ministry in parishes?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Standard 3: Responding to safeguarding concerns and allegations of abuse

3.1 Number of safeguarding CONCERNS received (not meeting Allegation threshold)

ex: 23

Number only

Please enter below the numbers of ALLEGATIONS reported to the Diocese and how these were referred.

3.2 Total Number of ALLEGATIONS reported to the Diocese

e.g., 23

3.3a Allegations relating to children

ex: 23

Number only

3.3b Child Allegations referred to Police

ex: 23

Number only

Number only

3.3c Child Allegations to DRAMT

ex: 23

Number only

3.4a Allegations relating to Adults

ex: 23

Number only

3.4b Adult Allegations referred to Police

ex: 23

Number only

3.4c Adult Allegations referred to DRAMT

ex: 23

Number only

Please enter below numbers of cases where you know of ACTIONS that resulted from Allegations.

3.5a Suspended from post/ministry

ex: 23

Number only

3.5b Authorities still investigating

ex: 23

Number only

3.5c Criminal charges brought

ex: 23

Number only

3.5d Canonical process suspended

ex: 23

Number only

3.5e Canonical process concluded

ex: 23

Number only

Please enter below numbers of cases where you know of OUTCOMES of Church investigations.

3.6a Restricted Ministry

ex: 23

Number only

3.6b Dismissed from clerical state

ex: 23

Number only

3.6c Employee suspended

ex: 23

Number only

3.6d Employee dismissed

ex: 23

Number only

3.6e Volunteers removed from duty

ex: 23

Number only

3.6f Alleged abuser deceased

ex: 23

Number only

Standard 4: Providing care and support for those who have experienced abuse

4.1 How many survivors disclosed, or were made known, to the Diocese last year?

ex: 23

Number only

4.2 How many of these disclosures were. . .

	Number
emergencies requiring immediate intervention	
allegations of non-recent abuse	
allegations of abuse ongoing at that time	
disclosed by survivors	
reported by others	

4.3 In how many of these disclosures were the following actions taken by the Diocese?

	Number
DSA met with survivor	
Survivors were accompanied to meeting	
Survivors were advised that Diocese will report to Police	
Key points covered in meeting were agreed with survivor	

4.4 In how many cases did a survivor accept the offer of a meeting with the Bishop?

ex: 23

Number only

4.5 In how many cases were the following forms of support offered to those who disclosed abuse?

	Number
Information about external support agencies	
Referral to Raphael Counselling service	
Support from another Counselling service	

4.6 In how many cases was support arranged for the family of a survivor?

ex: 23

Number only

4.7 What information/advice for survivors of abuse do you provide on the Diocesan website?

	We provide
Details about who to contact in the Church	<input type="checkbox"/>
Descriptions of available support services	<input type="checkbox"/>
Details of external agencies offering support	<input type="checkbox"/>
Description of Church procedure when an allegation is disclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church's mandatory reporting policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advice to report directly to the Police	<input type="checkbox"/>
Statement of apology for any abuse carried out by Church personnel	<input type="checkbox"/>

Standard 5: Managing and providing care for respondents to allegations of abuse

5.1 CLERGY respondents to allegations of abuse:

	Number
How many CLERGY were named as respondents?	
How many were invited to meet the Bishop?	
How many accepted the offer of a Support priest/layperson?	

5.2 RELIGIOUS CLERGY respondents to allegations of abuse:

	Number
How many RELIGIOUS CLERGY were identified to the Diocese as being respondents to allegations?	
How many of these RELIGIOUS CLERGY were managed/supported by the Diocese?	

5.3 EMPLOYEE respondents to allegations of abuse:

	Number
How many EMPLOYEES were named as respondents?	

How many were invited to meet the Bishop?	
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How many accepted the offer of a Support Person?	
How many accepted the offer of support from an external agency?	

5.4 Respondents to allegations of abuse by DIOCESAN VOLUNTEERS (not Parish Volunteers):

	Number
Total number	
How many accepted the offer of a Support priest/layperson?	
How many accepted the offer of support from an external agency?	

5.5 In HOW MANY of all these allegations, did the Diocese instigate procedures to monitor:

	Number
the well-being of the respondent?	
restriction on the respondent's contact with the parish	
alternative accommodation for the respondent	
arrangements for spiritual direction	
other support	

5.6 In how many cases of allegations against a member of the CLERGY:

	Number
did the Bishop (or delegate) inform the parish speedily of the process?	
did the Diocese provide guidance, support and training to the support priest / layperson?	
did the Diocese offer support/advice to the Parish Administrator?	

5.7 How many people in the Diocese were active in the role of Support Person last year?

ex: 23

Number only

Standard 6: Working together to develop a culture of care

6.1 On how many occasions in the past year did the DSAG meet?

ex: 23

Number only

6.2 What kinds of Safeguarding issues were discussed by the DSAG?

Type here...

6.3 On how many occasions in the past year did the DRAMT meet?

ex: 23

Number only

6.4 How did the Diocese promote the annual Day of Prayer for those who have experienced abuse?

- ☐ We publicised it via Diocesan social media.
- ☐ The Bishop referred to it in an Ad Clerum letter.
- ☐ The Bishop referred to it in a Pastoral Letter to the Faithful.
- ☐ The Bishop participated in a service where this was highlighted.
- ☐ No action taken
- ☐ Other

Standard 7: Training and support for all responsible for safeguarding

7.1 What steps did the Diocese take to further promote engagement with 'In God's Image', since the last audit?

- ☐ We promoted the National Safeguarding Conference (01/10/22).
- ☐ We offered awareness-raising sessions on IGI.
- ☐ We have raised awareness of the IGI video.
- ☐ We publicised issues of the Safeguarding Matters newsletter.
- ☐ No action taken

☐ No action taken

☐ Other

7.2 What is your estimation of the extent to which the following are now familiar with 'In God's Image'?

	Very familiar	Good awareness	Some awareness	Not aware
DSAG	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DRAMT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diocesan Trainers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clergy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PSCs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7.3 What PLANS does the Diocese have to improve awareness of 'In God's Image' among clergy, PSCs and others?

Type here...

7.4 Details of Safeguarding training sessions offered for CLERGY.

	Date	Course Title/Topic(s)	Online?
1			<input type="checkbox"/>
2			<input type="checkbox"/>
3			<input type="checkbox"/>
4			<input type="checkbox"/>
5			<input type="checkbox"/>
6			<input type="checkbox"/>
7			<input type="checkbox"/>
8			<input type="checkbox"/>

7.5 How many of the following participated in Safeguarding Training courses offered by the Diocese?

	Number who participated
Priests	
Deacons	
Seminarians	
Propaedeutic	
New PSCs	
Existing PSCs	
Volunteers	

7.6 Can the Diocese identify any safeguarding Training needs that the SCSSA should address as a priority for each group?

	Safeguarding Topic(s)
Bishop	
DSA	
DSAG / DRAMT	
Diocesan Trainers	
Clergy	
PSCs	

Standard 8: Planning for continuous improvement in safeguarding

8.1 On what date did the Bishop last communicate with all parishes in the Diocese on some aspect of Safeguarding?

DD/MM/YYYY

dd/mm/yyyy

8.2 How many parishes did NOT submit a completed Parish Audit this year?

ex: 23

Number only

8.3 What actions have been taken to address any NIL, incomplete or late returns by Parishes?

8.4 From your analysis of the Parish Audit returns, what have you identified as the "priority issues" to be addressed by the Diocese?

Type here...

8.5 How do you intend to provide feedback to PPs & PSCs on the issues emerging form Parish Audits?

Type here...

8.6 Who was involved in developing, reviewing and approving the strategic planning that will determine the Diocesan Safeguarding Action Plan?

	Created	Discussed	Approved	Reviewed progress
Bishop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DSAG	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
VG/VE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DSA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8.7 How does the Diocese communicate its Safeguarding Action Plan to others?

	Copies distributed	Posted on website	Referenced in Diocesan communications
To Clergy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To Parishes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To Employees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To general public	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9.1 Please note here any other information or comment, either relating to any of the above questions, or to other matters that are relevant to Safeguarding.

Type here...

NB Your completed audit must be submitted by 17th March 2023

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☐ I consent.

