

Latest Information:

CRB Checks and the new Vetting and Barring Scheme

The new Vetting and Barring Scheme will be launched in October 2009. This will allow the introduction of new safeguards to enhance the protection of children and vulnerable adults.

From October 12 2009:

- Two new lists, one for children and one for the vulnerable adults workforce, will be created which will replace list 99, and the POCA (Protection of Children Act) and POVA (Protection of Vulnerable Adults) lists.
- Access to these lists will be through an Enhanced CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) check.
- There is no change to the current CRB application form.

From July 2010:

- Individuals will be able to apply, through the Diocese, to the CRB for ISA (Independent Safeguarding Authority) registration if they are applying to work with children.
- There will be a 5 year roll out for ISA registration for those who are currently working with children or vulnerable adults.
- Employers will be able to express an interest in a person's ISA registration and be informed of any changes to that person's registration status.
- The CRB will introduce a new application form to allow applications for CRB checks and ISA registration to be made on the same form.
- Employers can carry out free, online checks of a person's ISA registration status.

From November 2010:

- It will be a legal requirement for individuals to register with the ISA if they currently work or intend to work in either a paid or voluntary capacity with children and/or vulnerable adults in England, Wales or Northern Ireland.

What does this mean for the Diocese?

As the new system is being introduced over a 5 year period, we will not wait, but will re-check any CRBs which are over 5 years old, continuing to use the same application form.

Please check your records and request new form from Linda (01535 650553) or Jill (01535 650554) for any members of your congregation/parish employees etc whose CRB is 5 years old or over.

From July 2010 we will begin to implement the system which includes ISA registration, but further information will be sent out about this, as soon as we have it.

Costs for CRB checks will remain the same. The cost for an ISA registration will still be free for a volunteer, but will be £64 for someone who is working.

The ISA will enhance the CRB process rather than replace it.

Further information on the new scheme can be found on:

www.crb.gov.uk
www.isa.gov.org

The Diocese will continue to send out updated information as this becomes available or do contact us at the office if you have any immediate queries.

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