





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.		
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"><li>• All Board Directors</li><li>• SCSSA Director</li><li>• Head of Training</li></ul>	ongoing		
1.2 Arrange for Board Directors to hear survivor testimony.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board Chair</li></ul>	June 2022	ongoing	
1.3 Establish Board sub-committee to promote 'survivor engagement'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board Chair</li></ul>			
1.4 Appoint Board member to act as 'survivor liaison' and work with SCSSA Director.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board Chair</li></ul>			
1.4 Ensure that the experience of survivors informs the work of the SCSSA Board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board Chair</li></ul>	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"><li>• Engagement sub-c/tee</li><li>• SCSSA Director</li></ul>	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.		
Action		Responsible	Start	End
3.1	Consider the <b>outcomes of the safeguarding audit</b> and implications for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• improvements required in safeguarding practice</li><li>• training</li><li>• communications with diocese, parishes, religious congregations and Catholic organisations on audit outcomes.</li></ul>	• 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?

A misty autumn forest scene with trees and fallen leaves. The image shows a path or clearing in a park-like setting, with many trees having yellow and orange foliage. The ground is covered in fallen leaves. The overall atmosphere is serene and slightly hazy.

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