

LATEST INFORMATION: SAFE RECRUITMENT

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.
- ☺ Standard CRB checks will no longer be available for those working with children
- ☺ There is no change to the current 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 persons 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?

We should continue to apply for CRB checks, using the existing application forms. This means that anyone whose CRB check is over 5 years old, i.e. it was before 2004, will need to have a recheck. The Diocese will advise when the process will change.

From October 2009, there will be no more applications for Standard CRB checks.

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 to us or you can contact Gill Knowles or Jenny Price at Church House 01924 371802