**Review of Safeguarding Practice**

**Diocese/Order: Archdiocese of Dublin**

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| **Recommendation** | **Action- Progress**  |
| 1. That Archbishop Martin would oversee the development of simple written protocols to support the communication of necessary information between the appointed Chairpersons of the Safeguarding Committee and of the Priest Support Committee with the Director of the Child Safeguarding and Protection Service (CSPS). | Archbishop Martin has set out his expectations of the Chairpersons of the Priest Support and Safeguarding Committees and the Director of the Child Safeguarding and Protection Service on the issue of sharing information in a letter sent to the two Chairpersons and the Director, CSPS. |
| 2. That Archbishop Martin directs the Safeguarding Committee to develop a more complete and effective annual Parish Safeguarding Audit system and provides it with the resources necessary to do so. | A new audit system has been developed by CSPS, under the direction of the Safeguarding Committee and is currently being implemented across the Diocese.From February, Garry Kehoe, a new diocesan trainer is being employed 20 hours per week with CSPS to assist in the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2013 – 2016, drawn up by the Safeguarding Committee. |
| 3. That pending the review and revision of the written Policies and Procedures for the Archdiocese, that Archbishop Martin direct CSPS to work with the Safeguarding Committee to develop and publish guidance on the appropriate use of information technology (such as mobile phones, email, digital cameras, websites, the Internet) to make sure that children are not put in danger and exposed to abuse and exploitation. | Some guidance was produced and published in January 2014. This will be expanded and updated by the end of March 2015. |

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| 4. That Archbishop Martin arranges through CSPS for the members of the Safeguarding Committee, Advisory Panel and of the Priest Support Committee to receive training appropriate to the tasks they are expected to discharge on his behalf. | 1. Training for the SafeguardingCommittee was delivered byTeresa Devlin and Niall Moore on15 September 2014.2. Discussions are continuing with the Advisory Panel on the appropriate form and content of training for the group.3. There have significant changes of personnel on the Priest Support Committee and the newcommittee is currently addressing its training needs. |
| 5. That the Archbishop initiate a diocesan wide consultation with the priests and parishes to establish the need for producing child safeguarding materials in languages other than English. | A meeting between the CSPS and 14 Chaplains representing the major language groups in the Diocese has been convened for 24 February 2015 |
| 6. That in addition to the precepts and /or the safeguarding agreements that are put in place, the Archbishop directs CSPS to develop a system of Risk Management Planning, so that the Priest Support Coordinator would in future work in accordance with the tailored risk management plans that would be drawn up for each priest for whom he has supervisory responsibilities | The recently appointed Child Protection Officer is undertaking training in risk assessment and management and will be taking the lead role in developing risk management plans for priests who are under supervision due to child protection concerns. These plans will be developed in cooperation with the men themselves and with the other members of the Priest Support Committee, including the Priest Support Coordinator. |