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Newsletter

PARISH SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT OFFICER

It is with regret, that we advise our Parishes, that Shauneen Doran has resigned from her position as Parish Support Worker.

Shauneen has been a valued member of the Safeguarding Team at Cliftonville Road, her work brought her into direct contact with each of our Parishes. She was directly involved in the annual Parish Audit and the programme of Parish support which flowed from the Audit. Shauneen was also involved in the Pathways journey with our Parishes.

Parish Safeguarding Support is core work within safeguarding in Down and Connor. Recruitment for the post is already underway with Diocesan HR.

Parish Safeguarding Support will continue in the interim and I ask Parish Priests and Safeguarding Committees to continue to contact the Safeguarding Office with any queries, requests for support and any issue you may be facing with regards to safeguarding at Parish level.

Our deepest thanks to Shauneen for what she brought to this post and we wish her our very best wishes for the future

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ANNUAL PARISH AUDIT 2024

We would like to thank all those parishes who completed the Annual Parish Audit for the reporting year 2024.



The requirement under the Catholic Church's safeguarding policy "A Safe and Welcoming Church; Safeguarding Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland, 2024, requires each Diocese to complete a yearly Audit as to how safeguarding is operating in each Parish.

On the basis of the Audit, Bishop Alan has provided assurances to the National Board with regards to Diocesan Compliance with Safeguarding Standards and Processes.

We are currently reviewing the returns. This task has taken a little longer than usual due to workstream constraints.

TRAINING NEWS

The office are currently planning dates for training for the period, August 2025 to December 2025.

If your parish has a training need, please let the Safeguarding Office know as soon as possible.

These sessions, once finalised, will be published on the [TRAINING CALENDAR](#) on our [WEBSITE](#).

If you would like to book onto a course, simply click on the relevant course link under the [BOOKING COURSES](#) tab and fill out the Online Booking Form.

Remember if you have booked onto a session, please advise the Parish Safeguarding Chairperson in your parish.

