

Diocese of Elphin
Review of Safeguarding Practice
Response to Recommendations issues by NBSCCCI
28th February 2014

Recommendation	Action - Progress
1. That the Bishop should ensure that guidance on how individuals that pose a risk to children are managed will be expanded and inserted in the dioceses Safeguarding Children Policies.	The Diocesan Office of Safeguarding Children through its Director is actively working on a national group which has been established by the NBSCCCI in order to develop this guidance. A first draft has been produced and is currently being reviewed. The national group are due to meet again on March 19 th . Once the NBSCCCI has signed off on this guidance it will then be incorporated into the Diocesan Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures.
2. That the Bishop should ask the Safeguarding Committee to produce a specific protocol which sets down the expectation of the diocese concerning the standing of any religious priest engaged in ministry within the diocese.	The Diocesan Office of Safeguarding Children through its Director and Safeguarding Committee has developed this protocol which is fully operational.
3. That the Bishop should ensure that he makes full use of the formal safeguarding structure that he has developed within the diocese when deciding what actions to take in the management of cases.	The Bishop, in line with the NBSCCCI Guidance on Safeguarding Children, is fully committed to working with all formal safeguarding structures that have been developed within the diocese when deciding what actions to take in the management of cases.
4. That the Bishop should ask that an induction programme should be prepared which will seek to provide a new bishop with an understanding of what safeguarding activities take place in his diocese.	The Diocesan Office of Safeguarding Children through its Director has developed an induction programme which will provide the new bishop with an understanding of what safeguarding activities take place in the diocese. This programme is comprehensive and includes information on all current practice and activities in Safeguarding, including structures, policies, procedures, plans, communications, etc. The programme will be delivered to the new bishop once he has been appointed and is available to meet with the Director.
5. That the Bishop should consider joining the NCMRG as an additional support in the event of being faced with a case management situation that he finds very difficult or demanding.	The Bishop is committed to using the services of the NCMRG and has made formal written contact with Ms Teresa Devlin CEO of the NBSCCCI to indicate this. The NBSCCCI have acknowledged this.
6. That the Bishop should ask the Safeguarding Committee to establish a means by which parents and children can encourage and facilitate feedback to them on the safeguarding activities that take place in the diocese.	The Diocesan Office of Safeguarding Children through its Director and Safeguarding Committee has developed a process to encourage and facilitate feedback from Parents and Children. This includes parish focus groups, meetings, training, induction programmes, questionnaires, suggestion boxes, website and newsletters.