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NBSCCCI review of Implementation of Recommendations of the 3rd and 8th Tranches of Safeguarding Reviews reported on in September 2015

During 2015, the NBSCCCI conducted reviews of the child safeguarding practice of 8 Male Religious and 35 Female Orders/Congregations. The reports of these reviews were placed in the public domain by the Order/Congregation in September 2015. As previously has been the practice, those Order/Congregations who still have ministry with children and/or have allegations were assessed against the Catholic Church's 7 safeguarding standards; while the others, due to their limited ministry with children, aging profile and absence of allegations relating to sexual abuse of children were assessed against a different framework, proportionate to the degree of ministry they hold. The Terms of Reference for both sets of reviews were appended to the individual reports.

As a follow up to the reports, the National Board invited those with recommendations, to send in a progress report.

The Capuchin Friars; The Irish Province of the Order of Carmelites (OCarm); The Order of Cistercians of Strict Observance; The Sacred Heart Fathers (Dehonians); The Irish Province of Jesuits; The Rosminians; The Salesians of Don Bosco, the Benedictine Nuns of Kylemore; The Religious Sisters of Charity; and The Religious Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary.

In the intervening months, each of these Religious Congregations and Orders have been actively putting in place new policies, procedures and amending their safeguarding practices to fulfil the requirements of the recommendations made in their review reports. Given that all of the above Orders/Congregations have agreed to follow "Safeguarding Children, Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland, 2016" and the accompanying guidance, the requirement to develop Order/Congregation specific policy is redundant. Discussions have therefore taken place with NBSCCCI about the necessity to proceed with some of the recommendations, or await and adopt NBSCCCI's guidance when available.

Details on each update report can be found at the following links:

The Capuchin Friars; <http://www.capuchinfranciscans.ie/contact/safeguarding/>

The Irish Province of the Order of Carmelites (OCarm);
[http://www.carmelites.ie/CarmeliteOrder\(OCarm\)-FollowuponRecommendations-May2016.pdf](http://www.carmelites.ie/CarmeliteOrder(OCarm)-FollowuponRecommendations-May2016.pdf)

The Order of Cistercians of Strict Observance;
<http://cdn.mountmellerayabbey.org/files/progress-report-on-ocso-safeguarding-review-recommendations.pdf>

The Sacred Heart Fathers (Dehonians);
<http://scjbhprovince.synthasite.com/safeguarding-review-in-ireland.php>

The Irish Province of Jesuits; <http://www.jesuit.ie/news/safeguarding-children-guidelines/>

The Rosminians; <http://www.rosminians.ie/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/2016.05.17.Implementation-of-Recommendations.pdf>

The Salesians of Don Bosco; <http://www.salesiansireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Audit-recommendations-actions-implementation-Salesians-2016.docx>

The Benedictine Nuns of Kylemore;
<http://www.kylemoreabbey.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Follow-up-on-Recommendations-docx-003.docx>

The Religious Sisters of Charity;
<http://religioussistersofcharity.ie/rsocwp/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/NBSCCCI.pdf>

The Religious Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary.
<http://www.rshm-nep.org/rubrique-49.html>

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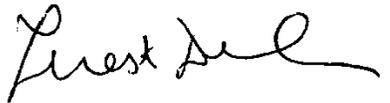
Current Situation:

The period of fieldwork and publication of reports was part of the important process of ensuring the best possible standards of practice within each Order/Congregation in relation to the prevention of abuse and in the response to allegations and management of respondents. All of the Orders/Congregations accepted the recommendations and undertook to work with their safeguarding personnel and committees around the implementation of the recommendations. Eight months after publication of the reports,

The National Board has not conducted any re-review of practice of these Orders and Congregations. The information provided by each Church Authority reflects their efforts over the past months since the publication of their reports. Many of the Church Authorities have contacted the National Board for guidance on the implementation of their review recommendations. Others have organised training, delivered by the National Board and others have conducted reviews of their policies and guidance, redrafted these or accepted in full the National Policy for the Catholic Church which was issued in March 2016. Many of the Orders/Congregational leaders and safeguarding personnel attended Induction on the revised standards and consulted with myself as CEO on marrying up their review recommendations with the revised standards.

For many the review process brought a renewed sense of commitment to the work of safeguarding children. Without doubt all Church Authorities have invested significant time and resources to ensuring that their recommendations have been completed or are well underway.

I am satisfied, that safeguarding children is a priority for these Orders and Congregations. Their submissions demonstrate their commitment to improving practice and responding to the recommendations, in the interests of further safeguarding children in the Catholic Church in Ireland.

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