

Safer recruitment of new volunteers - working with children or adults at risk

Parish Priest or group leader passes information on any new potential volunteer to Safeguarding Representative who ensures that a role description for the post exists

Planning

Consult CSSA Policy and Practice Guidance regarding recruitment to determine level of DBS Disclosure required, if any, and other safeguarding considerations

Registration

Safeguarding Representative sends volunteer registration and for DBS eligible roles, ID verification and SSD forms

Potential volunteer to complete and return registration, and for DBS eligible roles, ID verification and SSD forms

Selection

Safeguarding Representative to ensure that formal discussion about the role is undertaken by most appropriate person (usually group leader)

References to be taken up in parish either by Safeguarding Representative or group leader and written references followed up by telephone call or face-to-face discussion with referee

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ID verification

Submit DBS application form, if eligible

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Confirmation of appointment, pending satisfactory references and DBS Disclosure



Post-Appointment

Record keeping

Letter of Appointment signed by parish priest

2 x copies of Agreement (1 x to be returned to Safeguarding Representative)

Code of conduct, details of policy and procedures and e-learning programme given to volunteer

All paperwork to be kept in secure locked non-portable cabinet and volunteer details recorded in 'volunteer record book' or similar.

Support & Development

Support arrangements and supervision if required

Training and development opportunities