

# Loreto Sisters

## Consultation Process in Safeguarding Children Practices 2017-2020

### **Background:**

The National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (NBSCCCI) issued revised Standards and Guidance in June 2016. Standard 7: *'Quality Assurance'* requests that the Loreto Sisters develop a plan of action to monitor the effectiveness of the steps it is taking to keep children safe.

To meet this criterion the Loreto Sisters will -

- 1) Seek consultation and feedback from within the province.
- 2) Seek participant's views at the annual province assembly.
- 3) At the end of activity with children do an evaluation seeking children's view and ideas.

The Loreto safeguarding action plan 2017-2020 contains a commitment to this process.

### **1) Seek consultation and feedback from within the province.**

Each local safeguarding representative, who is the local community leader, will be sent a consultation paper on safeguarding practices in their local community / area. This will be sent by the Loreto safeguarding officers. The consultation paper will contain the following questions –

- A) Are you aware that Loreto have safeguarding policies and procedures and have you seen same ?
- B) Do you know who the local safeguarding representative is and how to contact her?
- C) Are you aware of the Loreto designated liaison persons and how and when to contact them ?
- D) Are you aware of the whistle blowing policy ?
- E) Are we communicating the safeguarding message effectively ?
- F) How could we improve on this, any suggestions most welcome.

### Report from Feedback:

Following the consultation, a report will be written on the findings and this report will be furnished to the Loreto safeguarding officers for consideration and any further action needed.

### **2) Annual Province Assembly:**

A questionnaire will be issued at the annual province assembly to everyone present to seek their views and ideas in relation to safeguarding practices in the province.

### **3) Evaluation of Activities with Children:**

Where relevant, at the end of each activity / programme involving children an evaluation will be carried out with the children regarding the activity / programmes itself and seeking their views and ideas on safeguarding practices within the province.



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