

Loreto Sisters

Consultation Process in Safeguarding Children Practices 2021-2024

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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