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# Foreword by Archbishop Vincent Nichols

I am very pleased to present the COPCA Annual Report for 2007. This is the sixth time that, as Chairman of the Management Board for COPCA, I have presented an annual report.

This report presents the detailed evidence of steady and solid work. It traces the pattern of preventative work being done by Child Protection Representatives in the parishes of England and Wales, the number of CRB checks that are being made now as a matter of routine, and the development of the Child Protection Commissions in dioceses and in regional groups of religious congregations. Anyone reading this report will see how much the Catholic community has achieved over these last six years and will be proud of that achievement.

This report covers the period in which Eileen Shearer moved on from her work in the Catholic community. I would like to record our gratitude to her for the outstanding leadership that she showed in the very difficult period of change in attitude and practice in these sensitive and important areas of life. We thank her for all that she did. I thank Adrian Child who, as Acting Director, has produced this report.

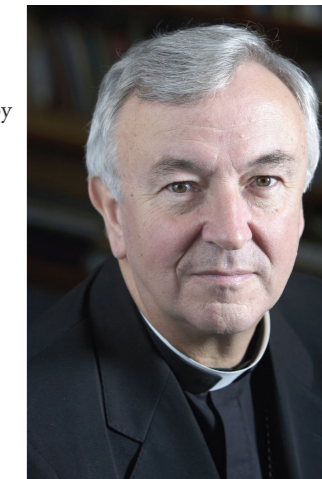
As I write this report, I am very conscious of the recent and unexpected death of Bishop Kevin Dunn, Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle and member of the COPCA Board. Bishop Dunn brought a very special presence and competence to the work of child protection, especially in the way he combined sensitivities of pastoral leadership with the requirements of the Code of Canon Law.

On 1 July responsibility for all this work passes to the National Catholic Safeguarding Commission, which has been established following the review led by Baroness Cumberlege and its report "Safeguarding with Confidence – Keeping Children and Vulnerable Adults Safe in the Catholic Church". The recommendations of this review build on the work of child protection in parishes, dioceses and nationally in the activities of COPCA. The central office is to be known as the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service with its duties duly refined and refocused. The work in parishes and dioceses will also come under the title of safeguarding and gradually the recommendations made in the report will be examined, refined and taken forward.

I would like to conclude this Foreword by expressing sincere thanks to all who have served as members of the Board of COPCA. This work has been demanding and yet freely undertaken by busy people who have brought great experience and competence to the service of the Church. I thank each one of them most sincerely and I salute their generosity and achievement.

*Vincent Nichols*

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In her foreword to 'Safeguarding with Confidence' Baroness Julia Cumberlege spoke for all of us who were members of the Commission led by her when she said "we have met some truly remarkable people, clergy, religious and laity who live the Gospels and inspire others to do likewise. People who take safeguarding children and vulnerable adults as a serious and sensitive subject that needs to be addressed and not to be hidden or swept away." Our report recognised the considerable achievements of COPCA and in setting up new national structures we are seeking to build on that foundation whilst looking to rebalance the role of the national organisation.

Those of us who are now taking on responsibility for this work do so encouraged by the renewed affirmation from the Conference of Bishops and the Conference of Religious and inspired by the example of so many people in parishes, dioceses and religious congregations who work to ensure that the Church can practice its ministry to children, young people and vulnerable adults with confidence.

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# Executive summary

This report to the Bishops Conference and Conference of Religious in England & Wales on the progress on the recommendations in Lord Nolan's report "A Programme for Action" is the last report of COPCA.

"A Programme for Action" recommended that a thorough review should be undertaken after 5 years. This review, led by Baroness Cumberlege, reported in 2007 with the publication of "Safeguarding with Confidence – Keeping Children and Vulnerable Adults safe in the Catholic Church".

One of its recommendations was that the annual business report for the public and wider Church Community, "Should be less of a statistical abstract and with greater emphasis on the softer, preventative end of safeguarding". (Recommendation 16). Accordingly next year's Annual Report will focus more on the actions and activities taking place within parishes, Dioceses and Religious Congregations aimed at achieving what the vision in "Safeguarding with Confidence" describes as a "beacon of excellent safeguarding practice".

"Safeguarding with Confidence" stated that: "Since its establishment, COPCA has made a huge contribution to strengthening the Church's capacity, as One Church, to keep children safe. As a result the Church has been able to demonstrate a new professionalism and greater transparency and accountability in the way it deals with child protection issues, now justly recognised by the statutory authorities, and mirrored in the establishment of new child protection structures across the dioceses and religious congregations."

The annual report of 2007 further demonstrates the progress being achieved in this area of work, so central to the Church's ministry.

It shows that:

- The number of parishes without at least one Local Child Protection Representative is at its lowest point ever at 92. These are vital volunteer roles which raise awareness about safeguarding and advise and assist with parish activities to ensure that the activities for Children and Vulnerable Adults are safe.
- Nearly 19,500 further CRB checks have been made throughout the year to ensure the church's recruitment procedures are consistent with government guidance and the best of practices in secular organisations.
- Child Protection Commissions, both Diocesan and Regional Religious, are appropriately supported in their task of providing Bishops and Congregational Leaders with expert advice on all matters related to Safeguarding. They achieve this in no small part through the membership of Police, Social Services, NSPCC and the Probation Service.

It has been a great source of reassurance that the Church's commitment to ensuring the safety of all its members, as demonstrated in this report, has been recognised by the Cumberlege review.

The work is not concluded and will not be as allegations of abuse are still made and must be responded to justly, swiftly, robustly and thoroughly.

**"There is a closer working relationship between the Commission and the Bishop and his Council."**

## Total number of allegations:

- In 2007 returns received for Diocesan and Religious Congregations reported that 46 allegations of abuse (of all types and relating to 44 alleged abusers including volunteers, employees, religious and clergy) were passed on to the Police. These cases involved 53 victims.
- In 2006 there were 41 reported allegations of abuse involving 43 victims. (NB: This related to 20 of the 22 Dioceses only).
- In 2005 60 cases were reported involving 75 victims.
- In 2004 100 cases involving 153 victims were reported.

## Incidents occurring prior to 2007:

43 of the 53 alleged victims in the reports of 2007 reported abuse taking place prior to 2007, some as long ago as 60 years previously. This included incidents where the alleged abuser was deceased.

## Incidents occurring in 2007:

The 10 remaining alleged victims reported abuse occurring in 2007. 7 were allegations of sexual abuse, 4 by clergy, 2 by volunteers and 1 by an employee, 2 of emotional abuse, one each by a priest and a volunteer and 1 of physical abuse by a priest.

## Progress Report on Actions taken by the Statutory Authorities in 2007 and 2006:

2007:

- Of the 46 allegations reported in 2007: relating to 44 alleged abusers, 33 resulted in no further action being taken by the Police.
- 7 are still being investigated, 2 were dealt with by way of a Police caution, 1 is awaiting a court hearing and 1 has resulted in a judicial sentence.
- 2 have been reported to the POCA list.

2006:

- Of the cases reported in 2006 updated information on the 41 alleged offenders is that 4 are still subject to ongoing investigations.
- 34 resulted in Statutory Authorities taking no further action.
- 1 has been convicted and 2 have been convicted and received a judicial sentence.
- 6 have been reported to the POCA list.

## Progress Report on Actions taken by the Church in 2007

In all cases where allegations are received and reported to the Police, the individual is temporarily withdrawn from their role and remains so until the close of statutory investigation. Where concerns remain regarding risk, an assessment of the risk is undertaken, sometimes involving independent experts. Recommendations are made by Child Protection Commissions as to the steps required to manage the risk identified safely. In some cases this is not necessary, for example where the allegation is unfounded, or where the accused is deceased.

Of the 26 allegations of abuse against clergy in 2007 the position at the end of the year was: 5 remained temporarily withdrawn from active ministry, 3 were awaiting outcomes of a Statutory investigation, 2 were undergoing a risk assessment, 2 had been reinstated, 3 were made subject to a restriction of some sort, 1 had been dismissed and 1 had been laicised. In 9 cases no further action was required for example because the individual was deceased.

## Conclusion

The Summary of information about allegations of abuse received in 2007 and therefore reported to the Statutory Authorities maintains our aim of accountability and transparency in maintaining a safe environment for all members of the Catholic Church.

It once again provides evidence of the sincerity and endeavour from priests, religious and lay people, so many of whom are volunteers, to engage fully with Safeguarding procedures and maintain a culture of vigilance within the Church.

# Developments in 2007

## 1. The Cumberlege Commission

- Established under recommendation 83 of Lord Nolan's report "A Programme for Action" stating progress on implementation should be reviewed after 5 years, the Cumberlege Commission reported in 2007. It met individuals at every level, Parish, Diocese, Religious Congregation, nationally and internationally, who were engaged with keeping vulnerable people safe from harm. It received 290 written submissions.
- "Safeguarding with Confidence" Keeping Children & Vulnerable Adults Safe in the Catholic Church, was published in July 2007. It urged Bishops and Leaders of Religious Congregations to reaffirm their commitment to a One Church approach to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults through the promotion of a sustained and sustainable culture of constant vigilance.
- The overview of evidence indicated that: "COPCA's achievements have been considerable. COPCA has made a huge contribution to strengthening the Church's capacity, as One Church, to keep children safe. As a result the Church has been able to demonstrate a new professionalism and greater transparency and accountability in the way it deals with child protection issues, now justly recognised by the Statutory Authorities."
- It outlined the achievements of COPCA as:-
  1. Delivering greater transparency and accountability;
  2. Upholding and promoting the paramountcy of the welfare of the child;
  3. Promoting sound safeguarding practices;
  4. Promoting good partnership working with the Statutory/voluntary agencies;
  5. Promoting the active management of risk;
  6. Moving towards a One Church approach.

## "The Church is now a safer place"

- In identifying deficiencies for COPCA, the report cites that "COPCA's reach has really not extended to the parishes." "Priorities for implementation have been on the negative of safeguarding – responding to abuse and instigating child protection procedures partly at the expense of work to keep children safe within a more life affirming and welcoming pastoral ministry."
- "The emphasis on much needed and extensive policy development has been at the expense of robust and timely implementation and training plans down to local level."
- Safeguarding vulnerable adults now needs serious attention.
- To build upon COPCA's achievements and address deficiencies the report's recommendations included:-
  1. Setting up a National Catholic Safeguarding Commission within the Church. This would provide a forum for debate and ensure national policies are followed.
  2. COPCA to become the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service (CSAS) with a greater emphasis on training, raising awareness and sharing good practice.
  3. More focus on safeguarding vulnerable adults, but not at the expense of safeguarding children.
- The report was received by the Bishops Conference and the Conference of Religious in November 2007. It was welcomed for the emphasis it placed on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults within Parishes, Dioceses and Communities of Religious. Bishops and Congregational Leaders reaffirmed their commitment to safeguarding as "an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church."

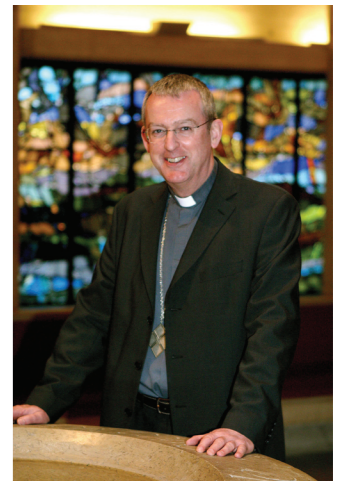
## "The Cumberlege Report has been a stimulus to questioning the role of the Congregation in Child and Vulnerable Adults protection."

## 2. The Implementation Group

- An Implementation Group, chaired by Bill Kilgallon with Bishop Declan Lang and Sr Jane Bertelsen as vice chairs, has been established and has been given a mandate which includes:-
  1. Examine the responses received to "Safeguarding with Confidence," consider the pace and scope of the changes recommended and propose a process of implementation.
  2. Draw in other members to assist the work. The group to pay particular attention to canonical implications of the proposed changes.
  3. Consider in detail the national structure being proposed.
  4. To make arrangements for the oversight of the work of COPCA from the 2008 Spring meeting of the Bishops Conference.
  5. Prepare detailed costs for national structures and be informed of the resources made available for safeguarding within the Dioceses and Religious Congregations.
  6. Present a first implementation report at the Spring 2008 meeting of the Bishops Conference.
- The implementation group met for the first time in December 2007.



Sr Jane Bertelsen  
Vice Chair



Bishop Declan Lang  
Vice Chair

# Developments in 2007

## 3. National Policy Development

- Much of the work either embarked upon or completed in 2007 was in refining or revising policies. In November 2007 a process of regular review and updating of policies was approved. This will mean that in the future we will have a system for ensuring policies remain consistent with government guidance and legislation. In addition they can be updated to take account of best practice and experience in implementing them.
- Policies updated in 2007 were:
  - Healing the Wound: The National Policy for the Support of those who have suffered abuse and those accused of abuse. This was issued in 2006 (Recommendations 71-76, A Programme for Action). It was reported in 2006 that there were some legal implications and advice was being sought to resolve them. This advice was received and the updated policy was approved in November 2007.
  - Questions were raised through Diocesan Commissions about the scope of the Testimonial of Suitability Policy. The policy was reviewed and updated to both provide clarity regarding the scope and also ensuring it related to arrangements within the Religious. It was approved in November 2007.
- The Canon Law Working Group continued to meet in 2007 to progress work embarked on in 2006. This was to ensure congruence between the National Policies, particularly in regard to Responding to Allegations, and Canon Law. A number of guidance documents were finalised, approved by the Canon Law Society of England and Wales. Subsequent to this approval they were agreed at the Bishops Conference in May 2007.
  - A Clergy Guidance document which locates the National Procedure for Responding to Allegations within a Canon Law framework.
  - A Risk Assessment summary. This is a canonical appendix to the National Risk Assessment Policy.
  - A Temporary Withdrawal from Active Ministry document. Once again this is an appendix to the National Procedure for Responding to Allegations clearly defining the process within a Canon Law framework.
- Further Policies were finalised.
  - The Cross Boundary Policy was finalised and agreed for implementation. This provides a measure of risk management in situations where clergy or religious are placed outside their Diocese or Congregation. This has particular relevance when the placement is within the jurisdiction of England and Wales of a person from outside that jurisdiction. The policy had previously been agreed, during its development phase, with the Catholic Church in both Scotland and Ireland.
  - An Access to Records Policy in relation solely to casework records created for child or vulnerable adult protection purposes was completed. This was approved by independent solicitors to ensure it was consistent with both national legislation and insurance regulations.
- Policy has developed incrementally and has not been subject to a single editing process. As a consequence there is not in all cases a clear separation of procedure from policy or guidance. Tri-X Childcare, a company with experience in the area of policy development and publishing are working with a cross section of users of the procedures from both Dioceses and the Religious to review and re-format the complete suite of policies and procedures.
- The ultimate policy manual will be e-enabled and designed to be read and used as a web based, electronic document. This will make the process of maintaining and updating it much easier. It will provide a greater level of access to anyone wishing to see or follow the policies. Finally it will be simpler to use.
- Previously completed Vulnerable Adult Procedures and updated CRB Policy will be brought into the Tri-X review process with the intention of completing the work and commencing implementation in the Autumn of 2008.
- Work has also commenced on developing a Parish Pack (Recommendation 82, A Programme for Action). It is hoped to complete work on the Parish Pack in Summer 2008.
- A Confidential Reporting (Whistleblowing) Policy (Recommendation 60, A Programme for Action) has been developed and is to be submitted to the Bishops Conference for approval in April 2008.

# Developments in 2007

## 4. Religious Congregations

- Throughout 2007 the four Regional Religious Commissions have begun to establish and consolidate their position as a valued source of advice and assistance for those congregations linked to them.
- By the end of 2007 both London Midlands and London South Coast each had over 50 Religious Congregations affiliated to them. All four Commissions have embarked upon a series of regular training events for their Religious Child Protection Co-ordinators (RCPCs), Congregation Leaders and Child Protection Link People.
- The CoR/COPCA Liaison group and CoR Safeguarding Advisor, Eileen Campling, have also been extremely influential in disseminating the safeguarding message to congregations and encouraging their affiliation to Regional Religious Commissions.
- The demand that this has placed upon the Commissions has highlighted the need for them to recruit additional RCPCs to meet the aspirations of the Religious Congregations. This will be a priority for 2008.
- The value of the Regional Religious Commissions has been evident in the Self Audit 2007. The higher percentage of returned forms compared to 2006, and the quality of the information on those forms, was a tribute to the RCPCs who made individual contact with all congregations subject to audit this year.

“Being able to link with the North East Religious Commission is a great source of support. We do appreciate the advice and help received from the Religious Child Protection Coordinator.”

## 5. CRB Disclosures

- The National Policy on Roles requiring CRB disclosures was finalised and formally approved in April 2007.
- Due to the dynamic and diverse nature of parish work in particular, there is a constant need to review this list. We have been involved in discussions throughout 2007 with the CRB about eligibility criteria, role titles and volunteer status. These will be subject to resolution in 2008 once the CRB policy unit has considered our proposals.
- Three separate CRB training days were delivered for members of the Religious. In addition a separate training day was geared specifically for Counter Signatories.
- Since its inception there have been a number of revisions to the CRB Code of Practice. We have also found from our experience of implementing CRB policies and procedures that we needed to make adjustments to them. As a consequence of this there was a complete policy revision undertaken in 2007 with an improved and easier to use policy and procedure document released in November.
- From the establishment of the National Database there have been major improvements in electronic and communication systems security measures. We undertook a programme to remove the ISDN connection, the method by which the Dioceses and CoR access the database, and replace it with broadband connectivity. This has resulted in major savings for the Dioceses and CoR as well as faster response times.
- Work has commenced on re-formatting the Database in order to make it more functional for the Dioceses. Alongside that will be the creation of a Database Users Guide. Both these exercises are due for completion in 2008.
- COPCA is a registered body for the purpose of CRB disclosures. In 2007 it ranked within the top 10 users of the service in the country. The status of being an umbrella body also brings with it the responsibility of ensuring that independent organisations within the Catholic Church for whom COPCA processes CRB disclosures, are aware of and abide by the CRB Code of Practice and our National Policies and Procedures. In 2007 we began the task of formalising arrangements, starting with the St Vincent de Paul Society and the Newman Trust.
- COPCA also has the responsibility to quality assure the work of Counter Signatories. To this end the first audit of CRB Counter Signatory offices was completed. This was a successful exercise enabling us to demonstrate to the CRB that we meet their required standards of compliance.
- Discussions have commenced with the CRB for COPCA to pilot an electronic system of processing CRB disclosure applications known as EBulk. This could have potential savings in terms of turnaround time, postage and a reduction in form filling. Work will continue in 2008.

# Developments in 2007

## 6. Internal Relationships

- During 2007 small regional based meetings were held with Chairs of Commissions, both Diocesan and Religious. The smaller groupings have enabled greater opportunity for dialogue and exchange of practice and experience.
- The three major topics for discussion at these meetings were issues which emerged from analysis of the 2006 Self Audit. This led to further clarification about the nature and purpose of supervision for Child Protection Co-ordinators (CPCs) and Child Protection Officers (CPOs), the accountability of the Chair to the Bishop and the importance of formal communication systems, and the introduction of monitoring systems within Dioceses to provide ongoing assurance that procedure was being followed.
- In May 2007 the annual meeting of Diocesan and Religious Commission Chairs was convened by COPCA. The meeting was well attended and was chaired by the Vice Chair of the COPCA Management Board. The main items for discussion were the progress of the Cumberlege review, Annual Report findings and the draft Vulnerable Adult Procedures. The national meetings are proving to be a good forum for strategic discussion with the opportunity at regional meetings to translate this into operational experience.
- There were three national meetings of RCPCs. These meetings afford an opportunity to explore common themes in order to better understand the nature of the task. They are also helpful to communicate policy developments, training events, progress of Regional Religious Commissions, and so on.
- The national meetings of Diocesan CPCs and CPOs were reviewed within the group as to both their effectiveness, their content and their management. As a consequence new terms of reference and groundrules were agreed.
- Following the publication of "Safeguarding with Confidence" a joint meeting was held of Diocesan and Religious CPCs, CPOs and RCPCs. Archbishop Nichols, Terry Bamford and Eileen Shearer were in attendance as Chair and Vice Chair of the COPCA Management Board and former Director of COPCA respectively.

"Good links with other Diocesan Commissions to promote safe recruitment."

## 7. External Relationships

- COPCA has continued to maintain the profile of the Catholic Church Child Protection arrangements at a national level. This has been through regular membership of the Christian Forum for Safeguarding and the Acting Director being Chair of the Faith Sector Consultation Group for the Home Office.
- The Director and Assistant Director of COPCA met with senior representatives of the Ministry of Justice to discuss new guidelines on disclosure of information in relation to sex offenders in the community. This has relevance for the Church as offenders are also at times parishioners who wish to worship. Arrangements for this need to ensure the safety of other parishioners.
- COPCA as a registered body with the CRB was represented at a reception convened and attended by the Home Secretary, Jacqui Smith. This was in part due to COPCA being within the top 10 CRB registered bodies nationally. The Acting Director attended the reception.
- The Acting Director and Child Protection Co-ordinator from Salford Diocese, Fr Barry O'Sullivan, delivered a workshop at the national NOTA conference (National Organisation for the Treatment of Abusers). A review of this workshop appeared in the December edition of NOTA News.

"In 2007 a great deal of time was taken up attending MAPPA meetings, a MAPPA conference, liaising with Police and Probation dealing with offenders and supporting parish clergy who have such people in their congregations. This area is one which is likely to expand in the future."

# Developments in 2007

## 8. Training

- Development of a national training strategy, originally planned for 2007 had to be postponed due to competing priorities and staffing restrictions. It is intended to commence this vital task in 2008.
- A draft seminary curriculum has been developed by a small group including Seminary and Diocesan staff. This will be presented to the Seminary Rectors Conference for approval in 2008.
- Throughout 2007 the four recently established Regional Religious Commissions delivered training and awareness raising days for Child Protection Link Persons within the congregations as well as Provincials and others. COPCA participated in three of these day events.
- A development day was led by the Acting Director of COPCA for the Chairs of the 4 Regional Religious Commissions. The outcome of the day was clarity about the priority tasks for the coming year and how they might be achieved.
- Three CRB training days for Religious were held in 2007. The demand for these highlights the growing understanding of safeguarding issues related to safe recruitment practice, within religious orders.

## 9. Conferences

- A very successful one day conference on Internet and IT Safety was held in Northampton. This was a joint enterprise between COPCA, Catholic Youth Service (CYS) and Catholic Education Service (CES). The key note speakers included Jim Gamble from Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) as well as leading figures within the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and Child.Net International. The conference was attended by representatives across all three convening agencies as well as Mgr Charles Scicluna, from the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, who flew over from Rome especially for the event.
- Members of the COPCA team, Management Board as well as representatives from the CPC, CPO and Religious CPC group attended the International Anglophone Episcopal Conference on Child Protection at the Vatican. Mgr Charles Scicluna attended for part of the event and commented on the merits of policies and procedures being developed within the different national jurisdictions. He commented favourably about developments in England and Wales concluding that the Catholic Church was making great strides in improving and maintaining a safe environment for all.

*“Training day for congregation members held in January on awareness raising with an attendance of 53 out of 56 in active ministry.”*

## 10. 2007 Self Audit

- Following the analysis of the first national Self Audit undertaken in 2006, some minor changes were made to the audit process and documentation. These changes were to reduce duplication between the audit and annual statistical return processes. They were also to take account of the specific differences between Diocesan and Religious structures. As agreed in 2006, the 2007 Self Audit covered 8 Dioceses and 43 Religious Congregations.
  - Building on the work following the 2006 Self Audit findings, this year's audit indicated clear progress in terms of both understanding of national policies and procedures as well as a consistency of implementation.
  - Of the 8 Dioceses audited all but one had introduced supervision arrangements for the Child Protection Co-ordinator/Officer. This is a vital ingredient of support and monitoring in this challenging field of work.
  - Reporting arrangements between Commissions and their Bishops had been appropriately formalised ensuring that the Bishop can be aware of how safeguarding responsibilities are being administered in the Diocese.
- As in 2006 a number of the returns indicated that though policies and procedures would be followed in the event of receiving an allegation of abuse, this was largely untested. This was particularly true for the Religious Congregations audited where only a very small number had ever received an allegation.
- The process of auditing, in itself, helps to raise awareness around the Catholic Church's safeguarding responsibilities. It has also enabled better links to be forged between Religious Child Protection Commissions and Link Persons in the congregations.
- All Dioceses and Religious Congregations audited in 2006 had been asked to provide a progress update on their action plan following that audit. This indicated pleasing progress of all identified areas.

# Statistical information

## Introduction

The information contained in the following tables and diagrams derives from Annual Report returns sent to COPCA by Dioceses and Religious Congregations. It represents all 22 Dioceses and 135 Religious Congregations.

It includes information and key statistics relating to allegations of abuse occurring within a Catholic setting received in 2007. It provides an update report on cases previously reported prior to 2007.

This section also provides some headline information about preventative work undertaken in the parishes, Dioceses and Religious Congregations. This information is partial in as much as it does not fully reflect the considerable work undertaken. This work includes ensuring our recruitment processes are safe and in accordance with the highest standards of practice in the secular world. More and more we are being called upon by the Probation and Prison services as well as the Police service to work alongside them in risk management of offenders, released from prison, or considered to be a potential risk, living within the wider community.

This report is the 6<sup>th</sup> report of this type. The Catholic Church is unique amongst faith groups in so transparently publishing this information. We sincerely believe that this has demonstrated our commitment to ensuring the Catholic Community is safe for everyone.

In future we intend to continue this level of transparency but in a revised format. We firmly believe that the quality and commitment of those working tirelessly in parishes and Religious Congregations should be highlighted more in the Annual Report. This will be to both celebrate achievement and to share excellent practice.

**“Parish Child Protection Representatives now have an Induction Programme as part of their recruitment and regular training.”**

## A. Prevention

### 1. Recruitment of Local Child Protection Representatives

Table 1 shows a marked fall in the number of parishes without a Local Child Protection Representative. Recruitment and retention of these Local Representatives is essential for implementing preventative work and maintaining safety in our parishes.

Table 1

<b>Per Diocesan Returns</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Number of Parishes	2593	2385	2604
Number of Parishes with 1 LCPR or more in post as at 31st Dec	2494	2078	2428
Number of LCPRs formally appointed/in process during the year	455	254	620
Number of Parishes without LCPRs	92	307	176

NB: Note that the 2006 figures exclude statistics from 2 Dioceses

# Statistical information

## 2. Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Disclosures

Table 2 below and Figures 1 and 2 overleaf show the trend in the volume of CRB Disclosures processed in Dioceses and Religious Congregations, and the number of blemished\* Disclosures.

Levels of activity have risen again in 2007 and most Dioceses are reporting that they will reach their target of processing CRB checks for all existing volunteers by mid 2008.

Given that the 2006 Diocesan activity levels were based on only 20 of the 22 Dioceses it is a reasonable assumption to make that the level of CRB processing has “plateaued” out.

The levels of Blemished Disclosures have remained at a similar level over the past 4 years, given 2006 figures related to 20 Dioceses only.

**\* Definition of Blemished Disclosures**  
A “Blemished” Disclosure is one that contains details of convictions and/or cautions.  
**NB:** These are not necessarily specifically related to the protection of children or vulnerable adults and therefore may not result in a non-appointment.

Table 2	CRB Checks Initiated	Blemished Disclosures	% of Total Checks
<b>2007</b>			
Total	19490	103	0.53
By Dioceses	18386	87	0.47
By Religious	1104	16	1.45
<b>2006</b>			
Total	18148	71	0.39
By Dioceses	16950	67	0.40
By Religious	1198	4	0.33
<b>2005</b>			
Total	17763	99	0.56
By Dioceses	16534	68	0.41
By Religious	1229	31	2.5
<b>2004</b>			
Total	14083	95	0.67
By Dioceses	11313	70	0.62
By Religious	2770	25	0.9

NB: 1. 2007 & 2006 & 2005 Religious CRB Check volumes extracted from National Database

2. 2006 - Note Diocesan CRB checks data excluded 2 Dioceses

Fig 1

CRB Checks Initiated

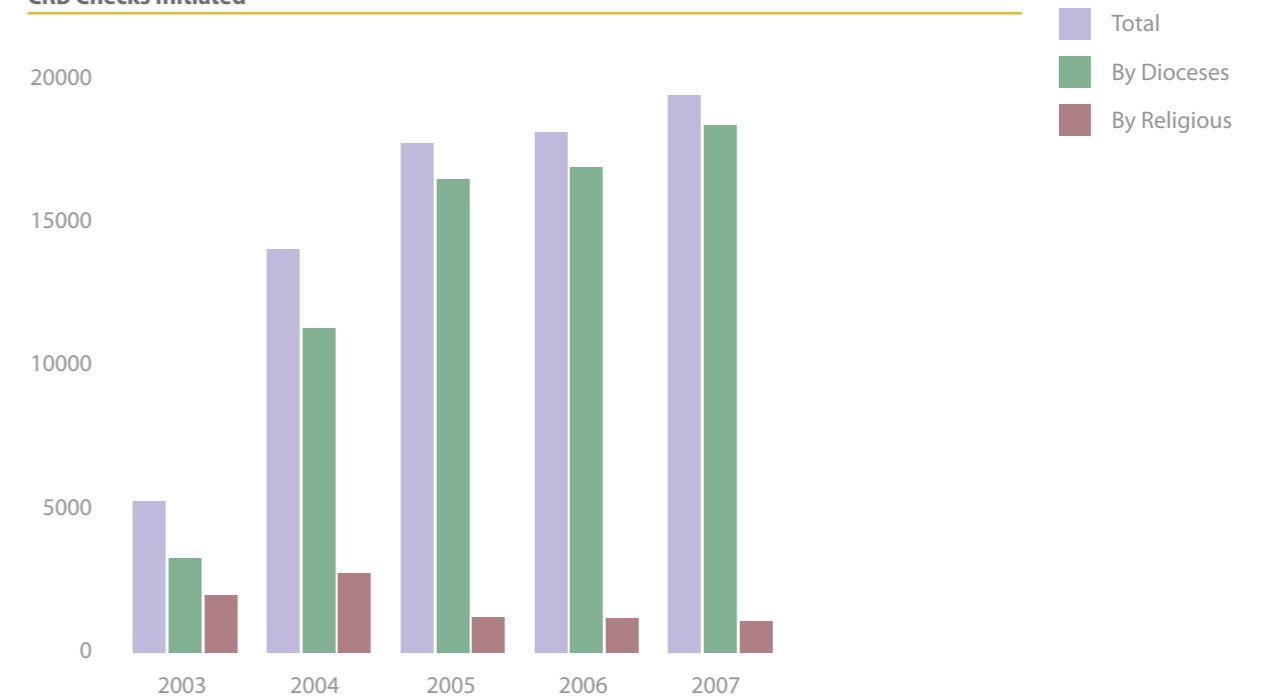
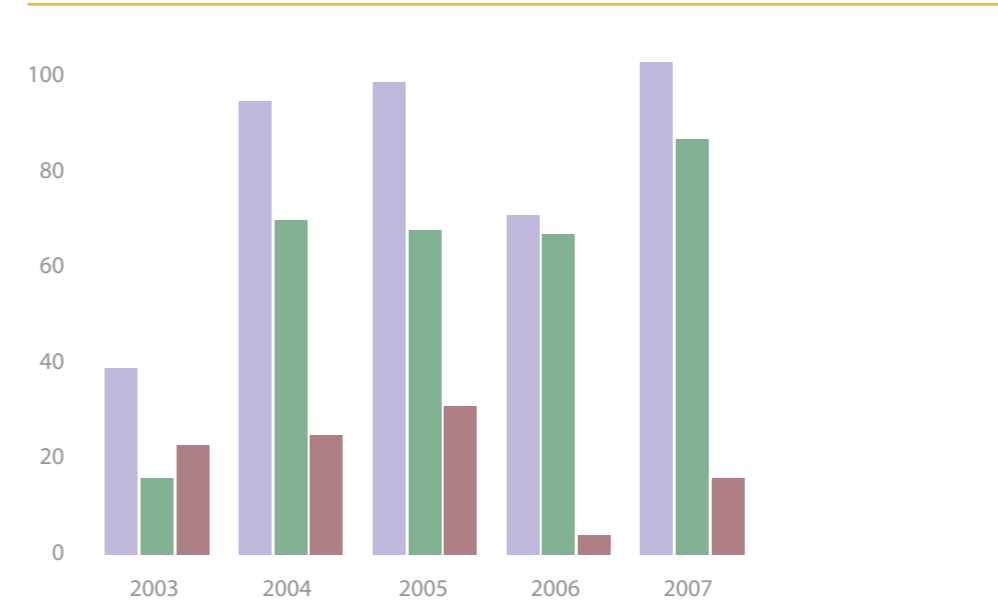


Fig 2

Blemished Disclosures



# Statistical information

## 3. Training

Delivery of training is a vital method of raising awareness, supporting the Local Representatives and Congregation Link People as well as the work they do and forming the basis of an effective safeguarding system within the Catholic Church.

In 2007 in the Dioceses 412 training sessions were delivered to 6104 participants. This is a major element of the work of the CPCs and CPOs.

### B. Responding to Allegations and Managing Risk

#### Introduction and Summary of Allegations

The following figures relate to allegations of child abuse occurring in a Church setting only. Allegations made to Church representatives about cases of abuse within families and the wider community are referred on to Statutory Agencies (Police and Social Services Departments).

An allegation is a matter sufficiently serious to warrant reporting to the Statutory Authorities to allow them to consider whether an investigation is required, and whether they may have other information that would assist in evaluating the risk presented.

In 2007 a total of 46 allegations were received, relating to 44 alleged abusers, concerning all types of abuse and in relation to all church roles.

These cases involved 53 alleged victims.

28 of these 46 allegations related to clergy. A further 4 allegations related to Religious with 14 remaining being against others (see box in margin for definitions).

There are currently approximately 12,000 Clergy and Religious in England and Wales. The allegations reported against clergy relate to 0.23%.

Of the 53 alleged victims, 10 reported abuse alleged to have occurred in 2007. Of these 7 relate to sexual abuse of which 4 relate to clergy, 1 to physical abuse by clergy and 2 to emotional abuse of which 1 relates to clergy. 2 allegations of sexual abuse relate to volunteers and 1 to an employee. 1 allegation of emotional abuse related to a volunteer.

#### NB

The following tables report on the roles of those accused in three categories in order to simplify presentation of data.

The three categories are Clergy, Religious and Other, and the roles included in each category are:

**Clergy:** Secular/(Diocesan) Priests; Religious Priests; Transitional & Permanent Deacons; Secular (Diocesan)/Religious Clerical Students.

**Religious:** Male Religious (excluding Priests); Female Religious; Religious in Formation (male & female); Unidentified Religious.

**Other:** Volunteers; Employees; Parishioners.

Table 3

### 2007: Allegations of abuse by role of abuser and type of abuse – Combined from Dioceses and Religious Congregations

Role of Alleged Abuser	Sexual Abuse	Physical Abuse	Emotional Abuse or Neglect	Child Abusive Images	Total
Secular / Diocesan Priest/s	18	1	1	0	20
Religious Priest/s	6	0	0	0	6
Transitional & Permanent Deacons	0	0	0	0	0
Secular Diocesan/ Religious Clerical Student/s	0	0	0	0	0
Male Religious (exc priests)	1	0	0	0	1
Female Religious	2	1	0	0	3
Religious in Formation (male & female)	0	0	0	0	0
Volunteer/s	7	0	1	0	8
Employee/s	2	1	0	0	3
Parishioner/s	2	0	1	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>

There has been a small rise, numerically in overall allegations received in 2007 compared to 2006. This corresponds to a small rise, numerically, in allegations relating specifically to sexual abuse.

Small numerical rises or dips are to be anticipated given what is known about patterns of reporting.

A study of the information in Table 8 (page 26) concerning the number of alleged victims by date the abuse occurred underlines the difficulties of trying to identify trends with insufficient sets of reporting figures.

Incidents of alleged abuse occurring in 2007 are consistent with a decline each year for the past 4 years. Incidents reported relating to the decades from 1960's to 1980's have risen, the 1960's significantly so. It will not be possible to establish any trends however until future reporting figures are collected.

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Fig 3 (by number of alleged victim)

**Allegations for 2007 Compared to 2006, 2005 and 2004**

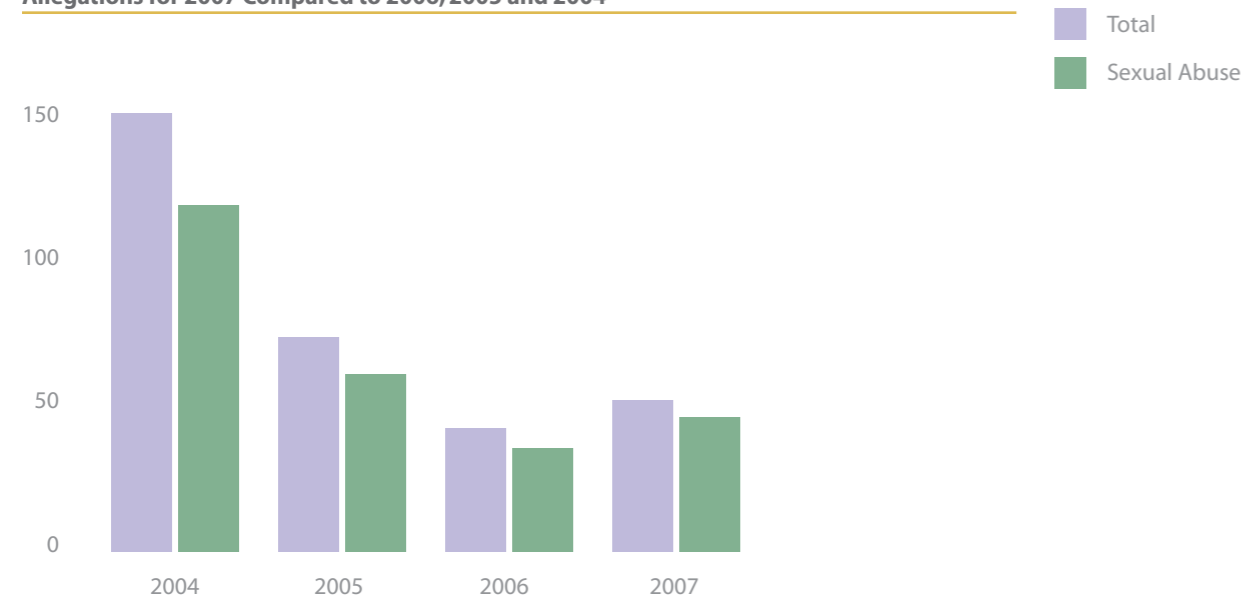


Table 4

**Summary of alleged abuse incidents OCCURRING IN 2007 by type of abuse and role of the alleged abuser (combined reports from Dioceses and Religious Congregations)**

Role of the Abuser	Type of Abuse			Total
	Sexual	Physical	Emotional	
Diocesan Priest	4	1	1	<b>6</b>
Volunteer	2	0	1	<b>3</b>
Employee	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>

10 alleged victims reported abuse occurring in 2007. Of those, 7 relate to sexual abuse, 4 of which relate to clergy and 3 to others. (see Box on page 20 for Definitions).

Of the remaining 3 incidents reported, 2 related to emotional abuse (1 by clergy, 1 by other) and 1 related to physical abuse by clergy.

Table 5

**Allegations Reported to Dioceses in 2007 by source of report**

Source of Initial Information - Per Diocesan Returns	Clergy	Religious	Other	Total	%
Alleged Victim	8	0	3	<b>11</b>	<b>26</b>
Third Party	11	1	5	<b>17</b>	<b>40.5</b>
Statutory Agency	5	0	2	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>
Local Rep	0	0	3	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>
Parish Priest	3	0	1	<b>4</b>	<b>9.5</b>
<b>Total Allegations</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>100</b>

The largest source of referrals in Dioceses is from third parties. The proportion of referrals from this group has risen in each of the past 3 years. Although it is not possible to identify a statistically significant trend, this may be an indication that the Child Protection arrangements within the Catholic Church are becoming more widely known.

**Allegations Reported to Religious Congregations in 2007 by source of report.**

In 2007, of the 4 cases reported all were by the alleged victim.

“The benefits of our rolling programme of Child Protection Awareness were illustrated during 2007 when the actions of a parishioner brought a situation to our attention which led to action by the Statutory Agencies to protect a five year old child. The Police phoned to thank us for what we had done.”

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Table 6

Type of abuse by number of alleged victims in 2007 compared to 2006 and 2005

2007 Type of Abuse	Total	Diocesan Reports	Religious Reports	%
Sexual Abuse	47	44	3	89
Physical Abuse	3	2	1	5.5
Emotional Abuse	3	3	0	5.5
Neglect	0	0	0	0
Child Abusive Images	0	0	0	0
Other	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100</b>

2006 Type of Abuse	Total	Diocesan Reports	Religious Reports	%
Sexual Abuse	35	31	4	81
Physical Abuse	5	2	3	12
Emotional Abuse	2	2	0	5
Neglect	0	0	0	0
Child Abusive Images	1	1	0	2
Other	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>100</b>

2005 Type of Abuse	Total	Diocesan Reports	Religious Reports	%
Sexual Abuse	56	44	12	75
Physical Abuse	10	10	0	13
Emotional Abuse	1	0	1	1
Neglect	2	2	0	3
Child Abusive Images	6	6	0	8
Other	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100</b>

Number of alleged victims by type of abuse in 2007 compared to 2006, 2005, 2004.

The largest category of abuse, as in previous years, is sexual abuse, accounting for 89% of reported cases.

“Excellent relationships with Police and Social Services Department.”

Table 7

Allegations reported by Dioceses and Religious Congregations in 2007 compared to 2006 and 2005

2007	Total	Diocesan Reports	Religious Reports	%
Clergy	26	25	1	59
Religious	4	1	3	9
Other	14	14	0	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100</b>

2006	Total	Diocesan Reports	Religious Reports	%
Clergy	20	19	1	48
Religious	6	2	4	15
Other	15	13	2	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>100</b>

2005	Total	Diocesan Reports	Religious Reports	%
Clergy	41	31	10	70
Religious	3	2	1	5
Other	15	15	0	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100</b>

Number of Allegations by the role of the Alleged Abuser in 2007 compared to 2006, 2005

The proportion of allegations reported by role of alleged abuser have remained relatively consistent over a 3 year period. Clergy make up the largest group (59% in 2007) with Others remaining as the second largest group (32% in 2007). (see Box on page 20 for Definitions).

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Allegations reported in 2007 in date alleged abuse occurred.

**Table 8**  
Number of alleged victims in 2007 in Dioceses and Religious Congregations by date abuse occurred, compared to 2006 and 2005.

<b>2007 Year</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Diocesan Reports</b>	<b>Religious Reports</b>
Date not known	0	0	0
2007	10	10	0
2006	3	3	0
2005	2	2	0
2004	1	1	0
2003	0	0	0
2002	1	1	0
2001	0	0	0
2000	0	0	0
1990s	3	3	0
1980s	8	8	0
1970s	11	11	0
1960s	10	9	1
1950s	3	0	3
1940s	1	1	0
1930s	0	0	0
Pre 1930s	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>2006 Year</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Diocesan Reports</b>	<b>Religious Reports</b>
Date not known	1	1	0
2007	-	-	-
2006	17	14	3
2005	0	0	0
2004	1	0	1
2003	1	1	0
2002	1	1	0
2001	2	2	0
2000	0	0	0
1990s	8	8	0
1980s	6	6	0
1970s	5	3	2
1960s	1	0	1
1950s	0	0	0
1940s	0	0	0
1930s	0	0	0
Pre 1930s	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>7</b>

Table 8 continued opposite

Table 8 continued

<b>2005 Year</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Diocesan Reports</b>	<b>Religious Reports</b>
Date not known	1	0	1
2007	-	-	-
2006	-	-	-
2005	21	21	0
2004	1	1	0
2003	1	1	0
2002	0	0	0
2001	0	0	0
2000	0	0	0
1990s	9	8	1
1980s	16	14	2
1970s	13	11	2
1960s	4	2	2
1950s	8	3	5
1940s	1	1	0
1930s	0	0	0
Pre 1930s	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>13</b>

Cases reported from the current year 2007 represented a drop for the 3rd year running. This constituted 10 reported allegations. This corresponded with an increase over 2006 of allegations reported as having occurred in the 1960's and 1970's.

As commented upon earlier it is not possible to draw any conclusions from this or to identify any trends without additional reporting years.

“Good links with other Diocesan Commissions to promote safe recruitment. Good links with statutory agencies and local allegations manager.”

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Table 9

## Allegations reported in 2007: Summary of Actions taken by Statutory Authorities

Summary Info for 2007 Action	Total	Diocesan Reports	Religious Reports	%
Investigation initiated and in progress	7	7	0	16
Statutory Authorities - No further action	33	29	4	75
Police caution/warning	2	2	0	4.5
Court hearing	1	1	0	2.25
Conviction	1	1	0	2.25
Sentence	0	0	0	0
<b>Total by role of alleged abuser</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100</b>

Summary Info for 2006 Action	Total	Diocesan Reports	Religious Reports	%
Investigation initiated and in progress	14	12	2	34
Statutory Authorities - No further action	24	19	5	58.5
Police caution/warning	1	1	0	2.5
Court hearing	1	1	0	2.5
Conviction	0	0	0	0
Sentence	1	1	0	2.5
<b>Total by role of alleged abuser</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>100</b>

Summary Info for 2005 Action	Total	Diocesan Reports	Religious Reports	%
Investigation initiated and in progress	18	17	1	31
Statutory Authorities - No further action	37	27	10	62
Police caution/warning	1	1	0	2
Court hearing	3	3	0	5
Conviction	0	0	0	0
Sentence	0	0	0	0
<b>Total by role of alleged abuser</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100</b>

The largest proportion of cases reported in 2007 resulted in "No Further Action" by the Statutory Authorities. (75% compared to 58.5% in 2006).

The percentage of investigations in progress was 16% in 2007 compared to 34% in 2006. It is to be hoped that this is an indication that these investigations are being undertaken in a more timely fashion.

## Allegations reported in 2007: Summary of Actions taken within the Church

### i) Clergy

Table 10

2007 Action taken	Total	Diocesan Reports	Religious Reports	%
Awaiting outcome of Stat investigation	3	3	0	11.5
Admin leave, suspension, pending investigations	5	5	0	19
Org disciplinary procedures underway	0	0	0	0
Restricted, pending investigation	0	0	0	0
Risk assessment	2	2	0	7.5
Risk management in place	1	1	0	4
Reinstatement	2	2	0	7.5
Warning & Training	1	1	0	4
Restricted ministry/work with supervision	1	1	0	4
Dismissal, removal from office, post, etc	1	1	0	4
Laicisation	1	1	0	4
Resigned	0	0	0	0
No further action / deceased	9	8	1	34.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>

### ii) Male and Female Religious

Of the 4 alleged abusers, 1 has been temporarily withdrawn from active ministry. A further 3 are deceased.

### iii) Volunteers

Of the 8 alleged abusers, 1 is restricted pending investigation, 1 is undergoing a risk assessment, 1 is working under supervision, 2 have been dismissed, 1 is deceased. A further 2 resulted in no further action.

### iv) Parishioners

Of the 3 alleged abusers, risk management arrangements have been put in place for 2 and the 3rd resulted in no further action.

### v) Employees

Of the 3 allegations, 2 resulted in no further action and the 3rd alleged abuser is deceased.

In addition, 2 members of the clergy were referred to the POCA list in 2007.

### Progress update on cases reported in 2006

Of the cases referred to the Statutory Authorities in 2006, 4 are still subject to ongoing investigation.

34 cases resulted in the Statutory Authorities taking no further action. 3 cases resulted in convictions and sentencing.

As a consequence of the above, the actions taken by the Church resulted in no further action and re-instatement of 21 individuals. 4 were dismissed or removed from post with a fifth resigning. 4 were made subject to restrictions or working under supervision. 3 were still awaiting the outcome of the statutory investigations and 2 were undertaking a risk assessment. 4 were deceased and 1 is subject to disciplinary proceedings.

In addition, 5 members of the clergy and 1 other were referred to the POCA list in 2007.

### Temporary Removal from Active Ministry.

The total number reported is 28 across 22 Dioceses compared to 17 across 20 Dioceses in 2006. Reliable information on this point is not available in 2007 in respect of Religious Congregations.

# Appendix 1

## The COPCA Management Board

### Profile of members

The management board is chaired by the Archbishop of Birmingham, the Most Reverend Vincent Nichols, and comprises the following members:

- Terry Bamford OBE, (Vice Chair) Director of Social Perspectives Network, Deputy Chair of Stonebridge Housing Action Trust and chair of the Russian European Trust. Non-Catholic.
- The Right Reverend Kevin Dunn, Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle.
- Sr Jane Bertelsen FMDM, Member of Congregational Leadership Team.
- Fr Stanislaus Neild OH, Hospitaller Order of St John of God.
- Fr Jonathan Mitchell, Nominee by the National Conference of Priests.
- Prof. Peter Gilbert, Visiting professor in Health & Social Care Staffordshire University. Catholic.
- Enid Hendry, Head of child protection training, NSPCC. Non-Catholic.
- Mgr Jack Kennedy, formerly Child Protection Co-ordinator, Liverpool Diocese; member of the Nolan Review Committee.
- Helen Kenward, Independent child protection consultant. Non-Catholic.
- Bernadette Cawley, Solicitor. Catholic.

### In attendance

- Eileen Shearer, Director, COPCA (resigned July 07).
- Adrian Child, Acting Director, COPCA.
- Charles Wookey, Assistant General Secretary, Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.
- Alexander DesForges, Director of News and Information, Catholic Communications Network.

## Finance Sub-Committee

### Chair

Terry Bamford OBE,  
Vice Chair of COPCA Management Board.

### Membership

Dr Jim Whiston  
CaTEW trustee representative.

Steve Roche  
Diocesan Financial Secretary representative  
(from April 07).

Fr Stanislaus Neild, OH  
Hospitaller Order of St John of God.

### In attendance

Eileen Shearer  
Director, COPCA (resigned July 07).

Adrian Child  
Acting Director COPCA (from July 07).

Maureen Lucht de Freibuch  
Director of Finance, Catholic Trust for  
England and Wales (resigned July 07).

Sarah Pearson  
Finance Manager, Catholic Trust for England  
and Wales.

Sally Robinson  
Business Manager, COPCA.

## Appendix 2

### COPCA Staff

#### Director

Eileen Shearer  
Appointed January 2002,  
resigned July 2007.

#### Assistant Director/Acting Director

Adrian Child  
Appointed September 2006, became Acting  
Director in July 2007.

#### PA to the Director

Claire Johnson  
Promoted June 2005 from Team Secretary.

#### Business Manager

Sally Robinson  
Appointed June 2005.

#### Team Secretary (part-time)

Sophie Robbins  
Appointed May 2006.

#### Team Secretary (part-time)

Fran Phillips  
Appointed March 2007.

#### National Child Protection Officer (part-time)

Chris Stewart  
Appointed June 2007.

## Appendix 3

### Working Group Membership

#### Parish Pack Working Group

##### Membership

Adrian Child  
Acting Director, COPCA.

Lisa Markham  
Child Protection Officer, Hallam.

Dcn John Steel  
Child Protection Co-ordinator,  
Middlesbrough.

Sue Moloney  
Local Child Protection Representative,  
Middlesbrough.

Paul Young  
Child Protection Officer, Hexham &  
Newcastle.

Dcn Chris Barwise  
Child Protection Officer, Lancaster.

#### National Procedure and Policy Review Virtual Readers Group

##### Membership

Rose Anderson  
Child Protection Officer, Lancaster.

Peter Turner  
Child Protection Officer, Westminster.

Pauline Butterfield  
Child Protection Co-ordinator, Shrewsbury.

Dcn Des Bill  
Child Protection Co-ordinator, Liverpool.

Jane Jones  
Child Protection Co-ordinator, Birmingham.

Rosemarie Clerkin  
Child Protection Officer, Arundel & Brighton.

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Religious Child Protection Co-ordinator.

Sr Daryll Candy  
Religious Child Protection Co-ordinator.

Fr Kieran Flynn  
Religious Child Protection Co-ordinator.

#### Canon Law Working Group

##### Chair

The Right Reverend Kevin Dunn  
Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle.

##### Membership

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Canon Law Society of Great Britain & Ireland.

Mgr Gordon Read  
Canon Law Society of Great Britain & Ireland.

Mgr David Hogan  
Canon Law Society of Great Britain & Ireland.

Sr Martine Neill  
Religious Child Protection Co-ordinator.

Adrian Child  
Acting Director, COPCA.

Eileen Shearer  
Director, COPCA (resigned July 2007).

#### National Standards Training & Induction Working Group

##### Membership

Chris Stewart  
National Child Protection Officer (part-time),  
COPCA.

Rachael McMullen  
Child Protection Officer, Cardiff & Menevia.

Pauline Butterfield  
Child Protection Co-ordinator, Shrewsbury.

Chris Jarvis  
Child Protection Co-ordinator, Plymouth.

Eileen Campling  
Conference of Religious Safeguarding Advisor.

## Appendix 4

### COPCA: Work completed in 2007

- National Guidance on Past Cases Review
- National Training Pack for the Catholic Church in England and Wales
- Confidential Database policy
- COPCA internal Health and Safety Policy
- Frequently Asked Questions for COPCA website
- Protocol for the temporary withdrawal from active ministry
- Risk assessment summary
- National Clergy Guidance Policy
- CRB Training for Religious: 3 days
- COPCA Annual Report 2006
- Revised COPCA Internal Polices
- Child Protection & the Internet Conference (in collaboration with CES and CYS)
- Revised and issued National CRB Policy and Procedure
- National Policy on Vulnerable Adult Protection – agreed in principle
- National Policy on Access to Records
- Child Protection Self Audit 2006 and 2007
- Revised the National Support Policy: Healing the Wound
- Revised Testimonial of Suitability

## Appendix 5

### COPCA Accounts 2007

	2007	2006
Staff costs	195,730	193,586
Recruitment & training	1,812	5,905
Travel & subsistence	12,758	13,792
Conferences & meetings	14,123	43,146
Property costs	34,342	34,474
Office costs	73,579	41,542
Professional fees & legal advice	7,057	9,789
Depreciation	3,174	23,192
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>342,575</b>	<b>365,426</b>
<b>Financed by</b>		
Diocesan Assessments	312,721	312,721
Diocesan Assessments re 2002	-	-
Other donations & grants	-	5,007
Other income	-	-
..Contribution from Conference of Religious	40,151	40,170
..Conferences	11,469	39,408
..Other	2,100	114
<b>Total income</b>	<b>366,441</b>	<b>397,420</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		
Surplus brought forward previous year	55,183	83,189
Refund to Dioceses/COR	-60,876	-60,000
<b>Total surplus</b>	<b>18,173</b>	<b>55,183</b>
Fixed assets	6,061	107,268
Plus additions	6,635	4,726
Cumulative Depreciation	-5,023	-107,783
<b>Net Book Value</b>	<b>7,673</b>	<b>4,211</b>

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