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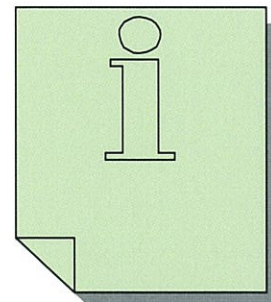
# Safeguarding Matters

## Welcome to the 2nd issue of Safeguarding Matters

This is the 2nd issue of a bi-monthly Newsletter that COPCA releases to all those within the Church with some responsibility for safeguarding children and vulnerable people.

Safeguarding Matters provides information regarding the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA).

We hope you find this to be a valuable resource and any input or suggestions are gratefully received. If you have any comments to make about this issue, please email COPCA via Sally Robinson ( [sally.robinson@copca.org.uk](mailto:sally.robinson@copca.org.uk) )



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## How will ISA prevent unsuitable people from getting access to children or vulnerable adults?

All those who work, or apply to work, in a role with children and/or vulnerable adults will be required to apply for ISA scheme membership. The scheme applies to those in paid and voluntary roles.

Those people who have no relevant convictions, cautions or information that suggests they present a risk to children or vulnerable adults, will be cleared to work and deemed "subject to monitoring".

The ISA scheme will continuously monitor those people who are registered to ensure that any relevant change to their status is identified and if applicable, their clearance to work with children or vulnerable adults will be revoked.

Those who are not deemed suitable to work with children or vulnerable adults will be barred from working with these groups. It will also be an offence for a person who is barred to apply for a role that involves these groups.

See overleaf for information on barring routes.

### Did you know....

**The new ISA scheme will replace List 99; POCA (Protection of Children Act) and POVA (Protection of Vulnerable Adults) Lists.**

#### ISA Consultation closes 20th February 2008

The consultation launched in November 2007 and sets out in detail some proposals about how the scheme might operate. The consultation document can be located on the Department for Children, Schools & Families (DCSF) website ([www.dcsf.gov.uk](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk)).

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## How will a person be barred via the ISA Scheme?

The Independent Barring Board (IBB) will be able to access and consider a range of information from a variety of sources. This will include Police information; convictions; cautions and employer referrals.

There will be 3 barring routes which may result in a person being barred from working with children or vulnerable adults.

Details of the 3 routes and how they differ from each other is outlined below.

## What are the 3 barring routes?

**1**

### Automatic Barring:

Immediate inclusion on the list (with no right to make representations to the IBB) on conviction or caution for the most serious sexual and violent offences against children and/or vulnerable adults.

**2**

### Automatic Inclusion on the list:

Immediate inclusion on conviction or caution for other serious offences, following which the individual CAN make representations as to why they should be removed from the list. The individual CANNOT work with children or vulnerable adults until the IBB makes a decision to remove the individual from the list.

**3**

### Discretionary Bar:

Consideration of inclusion on the list by the IBB where information has been received that suggests that the individual's behaviour harmed; put at risk of harm OR may harm a child or vulnerable adult. The individual CAN make representation before the IBB prior to a barring decision being made.

*Coming  
Soon!*

The next issue of "Safeguarding Matters" is due out in April 2008

### COPCA is hitting the road!

From April 2008 through the summer, COPCA will be coming to a venue near you to provide information on the Independent Safeguarding Authority scheme amongst other relevant topics.

To find out when COPCA will be in your area, please contact your local Diocesan Child Protection office for details of the date, time and venue.



Check out the ISA website [www.isa-gov.org](http://www.isa-gov.org)