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Dear Colleagues

Happy New Year!

2010 promises to be a year of change! The CRB are about to issue new forms combining applications for CRB disclosures and registration with the ISA (these will be in use from the end of July 2010). Once we've had chance get to grips with the new forms, we will be in better position to offer training in their use although the CRB are producing an interactive guide!

Renewals: We are receiving information from the Criminal Records Bureau that renewals of existing CRB checks will not be accepted between June 2010 and April 2011 to facilitate the implementation of the new ISA registration scheme. **Consequently we are advising parishes to renew the disclosures for relevant volunteers and paid workers whose CRB renewals are due in 2010 before the 31st May 2010.** We will be sending out lists to each parish highlighting those whose checks require renewal.

Thank you to all of you who have advised us of those in your parishes no longer in positions requiring CRB checks, this is most helpful. We have endeavoured to archive these records. Please bear with us if this has not been as efficient as it should have been but we have been combining our two databases.

We are frequently asked if it necessary to do an additional enhanced disclosure for those now working with Vulnerable Adults whose initial checks were for working with children. At the present time our advice is that the original check will be sufficient, although we understand that some PCC's may wish to ask for new checks. However if there is a blemish on any of these disclosures please be aware that separate risk assessments need to be conducted for each post.

Regulated Activity - Vulnerable Adults: The changes in legislation which came into force in October 2009 means that work vulnerable adults now goes under the title of regulated activity and people meeting these requirements require an enhanced disclosure from the CRB. The Government is still refining its definitions but where churches have people working/volunteering with groups **specifically** for the elderly, disadvantaged or disabled (lunch clubs, visiting schemes for the housebound or to care homes) these activities will come under regulated activity and will require CRB checks now and ISA registration in the future provided they meet the 'frequently', 'intensively' or 'overnight' criteria. For more information visit the ISA website on www.isa-gov.org

Vulnerable Adult Coordinators: Many parishes have or are in the process of appointing people as Vulnerable Adult Coordinators They will need an enhanced disclosure through the diocese unless they already have one for another role in the church.

ID checking: Please can you ensure that when you are checking the ID and address history that you see sufficient documentation. At least three documents must be seen, one document must show the applicant's date of birth and two should show their current address one at least being a recent document.

Please do not hesitate to ring or email if you have any queries. We will be writing again as and when we receive more information on the changes to the CRB forms and ISA registration scheme.

With best wishes



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