

NSO Newsletter

National Safeguarding Office

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Safeguarding Training

As of January 2017 there are approximately 160 Approved Safeguarding Facilitators delivering the Safeguarding Awareness Programme (3.5 hour) around the country. A total of 8,000 people received safeguarding training in 2016 and the target figure for 2017 is 17, 000 people. For details of who to contact regarding safeguarding training in your CHO area get in touch with us. To find out which CHO area you are in [click here](#).

Private/Voluntary Nursing Homes: In liaison with Nursing Homes Ireland, the National Safeguarding Office has provided a Train the Trainer course specifically for staff within this sector. This allows for approved Safeguarding Facilitators to deliver the Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons Awareness Programme to staff both in their own nursing home and also to staff working in other nursing homes within their geographical area.

Safeguarding Seminar

In October 2016 the NSO organised a learning and development seminar in response to the training needs of the Safeguarding and Protection Teams charged with managing safeguarding concerns in relation to vulnerable adults. The seminar was opened by Dr. Cathal Morgan, Head of Operations National Disabilities Services and a number of the newly appointed Heads of Social Care were in attendance.

Watch out for the next copy of Health Matters magazine for a profile of the event.

Three things you should know about the National Safeguarding Office:

1. The office was established in 2015 to provide leadership, oversight and co-ordination for all aspects of policy and practice in relation to the safeguarding of vulnerable persons
2. We are based in St Joseph's Hospital on Mulgrave Street in Limerick and you can reach us at safeguarding.socialcare@hse.ie.
3. The team consists of Tim Hanly - General Manager, Anne Wall – Principal Social Worker, Marguerite Clancy – Senior Researcher, Bridget McDaid – Senior Safeguarding and Older Persons Officer, Carol McKeoghRyan – Administrator, Colleen Murphy – Administrator.



Useful Resources:

[Change Hub link](#)
[Safeguarding Page- link](#)
[Information for Families link](#)
[Safeguarding and Protection Teams details](#)

Building a Better Health Service

CARE COMPASSION TRUST LEARNING

On-going Work

We provide support to the National Safeguarding Committee- for information on this committee [click here](#)

We maintain a database of referrals of all concerns of abuse of vulnerable persons submitted by each Safeguarding and Protection Team.

We collate and analyse data to produce reports, KPI's, briefing documents and other relevant reports and documentation.

We develop, coordinate and deliver training programmes to support the roll out of the policy and process.

We maintain a database of approved Safeguarding Facilitators who deliver Safeguarding Training Programmes in each CHO as well as a national database of nominated Designated Officers.



Message from Tim:

Welcome to our second newsletter! We aim to produce one each quarter to keep you updated with the on-going implementation of the "Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons at Risk of Abuse- National Policy and Procedures"

New Developments:

Information
Gathering

Consultation
Process

Development

The formal review of "Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons at Risk of Abuse- National Policy and Procedures" has commenced and we welcome your feedback.

A Review Development Group has been established and is had its kick off meeting on the 26th of January 2017 chaired by Martina Queally, Chief Officer Area 6, HSE. The Review Development Group has membership across the various sectors with involvement in adult safeguarding. Their remit is to agree the work plan of the review including consultation with stakeholders. Dates for written submissions and focus groups will then be posted as widely as possible following the initial meeting of the Review Development Group. A wide consultation process will be undertaken including service user feedback. The Review Development Group will avail of guidance from external expert(s) with knowledge in the field of safeguarding vulnerable adults.

The Review Development Group will also consult with an appropriate academic body or bodies to help identify best practice in safeguarding. Three sub groups have been initiated to look specifically at:

- research
- consultation
- governance

Legal advice will be sought in drafting the final document. As part of the review the Review Development Group will undertake a literature review on best practice in safeguarding which will inform the review of the policy.

The National Safeguarding Office will circulate a regular briefing update to stakeholder groups.

The final recommended policy revision will be agreed by HSE leadership.

A dedicated email for submission has been developed:

safeguarding.review@hse.ie.



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