



DIOCESE OF CLOYNE

CLOYNE DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN COMMITTEE (CDSCC)

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Please see below for a list of those for whom garda vetting should be sought. Section 3.2.1 of The Garda Vetting Process and Appeals Procedure in the Catholic Diocese of Cloyne (29th October 2012) provides guidance in this regard:

“Clergy, seminarians and religious within the diocesan setting, full-time or part-time staff and/or volunteers/voluntary lay faithful in diocesan offices, agencies and parishes, and ancillary staff in schools who have direct access to children or vulnerable adults must be vetted.

Within the Catholic Church in Ireland, it is Church policy for those who have specific roles, where the contact with children is substantial (part of their normal duties) and where this may be unsupervised (in ministry; paid or voluntary) to be vetted.”

The list outlined below is provided for guidance within parishes only, is generally governed by Section 3.2.1, and should not be interpreted as definitive or excluding other individuals or categories from a requirement of garda vetting.

Clergy, seminarians and religious who are available for ministry.

Sacristans

Parish safeguarding representatives.

Members of the Parish Safeguarding Children Committee

Leaders of Church activities/groups that involve children: e.g. choir leaders, prayer groups and distinct apostolic groups such as The Legion of Mary, Pioneers etc

All adult members of groups comprised of adults and children (under 18's) including choirs, prayer groups, and other such groups including distinct apostolic groups such as The Legion of Mary, Pioneers etc

All church personnel/ staff and volunteers who work with children in the *You Shall Be My Witnesses Programme*

Ministers of the Eucharist and/or others who minister to the sick or to vulnerable persons at venues outside of the church.

Full-time or part-time staff and/or volunteers/voluntary lay faithful in parishes with direct access to children or vulnerable persons.

Please be advised that Garda Vetting is just one element of good practice and while the criteria of substantial and unsupervised access, applies generally to volunteers with direct access to children, the parish priest must be satisfied that all Church personnel, staff and volunteers are suitable. If, having applied the other procedures of application/declaration forms and checking of references, he is worried or unsure, and if he still wants to proceed with engaging the individual, the option to garda vet should be applied. IF IN DOUBT - GARDA VET.

Legal responsibility for employment and duty of care remains with the organization that enters into a contract of employment or engages an applicant in a voluntary capacity.

If you have any doubts or queries regarding the requirement to garda vet, please seek advice from the Cloyne Diocesan Safeguarding Children Office (022/21009). If the office is unattended an alternative contact will be provided by the answering service.

Complete information on garda vetting is provided in THE GARDA VETTING PROCESS AND APPEALS PROCEDURE IN THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CLOYNE (29th October 2012). This document is available on www.safeguardingchildrenclayne.ie