

# **SUMMARY OF THE PAST CASE REVIEW 2 (PCR2) REFERENCE GROUP MEETING 16 SEPT 2020 by zoom and the ACTIONS AND DECISIONS ARISING**

The Chair welcomed members and re-iterated the role of the Group, as in the Terms of Reference, which is to hold the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and the Independent Reviewers to account in delivering against the PCR2 objectives and activities as set out in the Project Plan. The Group was informed that only two parish returns remain outstanding, and the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers are working on the returns that require follow up. The Project Officer is re-checking each return to ensure all cases are identified. It is expected there will be some referrals from the Independent Reviewers to this Group for oversight and also as a part of the quality assurance process.

The Group was updated on national funding to support the PCR2 process, which is only likely to happen if the National Safeguarding Team is successful in their bid for additional funds. As we are checking files from three former dioceses using historic systems, the meeting felt that it would be reasonable to expect to receive an increased grant.

In order to fulfil our support for survivors of abuse, the Group considered how we reached survivors beyond the Church, and how to reach those who might not look at Diocesan or Parish websites. The Officers are also working with organisations which will give support to victims and survivors of abuse.

The Project Plan had been updated in line with comments at the last meeting and the Project Timescales section had been revised. This is being continually assessed and reviewed every 8 weeks. The suggested date for the final report from the Independent Reviewers is March 2021, but the ever-changing situation with lockdown/local lockdowns could continue to have an effect on the ability of the Independent Reviewers to access the files. The quality and size of each file also impacts on the time taken.

Details of three cases referred from the Independent Reviewers for a view, were considered as part of the quality assurance process. It was agreed that the cases showed that the Reviewers are following the guidance very closely.

## **Actions and Decisions:**

- Independent Reviewers report to include a learning log about the process, and to highlight any diocesan learning.
- The Project Lead to pursue PCR2 funding bid with the NST.

**Date of next meeting: 4 November 2020**