



Review of Safeguarding Practice

Congregation/Order: Franciscan Friars (OFM)

Recommendation	Action- Progress
1. That the Minister Provincial ensures that the review of the Franciscan Order's safeguarding document would be inclusive of all existing appendices and other relevant safeguarding documents.	Revised Policy drawn up and approved by Definitory in November 2014. Updated and approved by Definitory in March 2015 to take account of recommendations.
2. The Minister Provincial must ensure that the review of the Order's safeguarding policy should address child protection in all the different aspects of the Order's work.	Revised Policy drawn up and approved by Definitory in November 2014. Updated and approved by Definitory in March 2015 to take account of recommendations. See p. 15.
3. The Minister Provincial must ensure that the current review of the safeguarding policy document needs to include the clear processes and structures that are currently in place to manage individuals who pose a threat to children within the Franciscan Order.	Revised Policy drawn up and approved by Definitory in November 2014. Updated and approved by Definitory in March 2015 to take account of recommendations. See pp. 16, 34.
4. The DLP must ensure that all contact with complainants is recorded in the case files.	New DLP appointed, Mr Tom O'Donnell, formerly of TUSLA. All contacts are recorded.
5. The DLP must ensure that all notifications of suspected child sexual abuse are notified to the civil authorities without any undue delay and that this should be stated in their revised safeguarding policy.	DLP reports immediately to civil authorities. This continues to be our policy and is stated clearly on p. 17.
6. The DLP must inform the civil authorities of all allegations received in respect of Friar N.	All allegations against Friar N. have been reported to the civil authorities.
7. The Minister Provincial must ensure that in the process of updating the Franciscan Order's safeguarding policy, account should be taken of the need for a specific anti-bullying policy.	This is included in the revised policy p. 31-32.



8. The Minister Provincial must ensure that the issues of dealing appropriately with children's unacceptable behaviour and guidance to staff and children in respect of discriminatory behaviour or language not being acceptable is dealt with explicitly in the updated safeguarding policy document.	This is included in the revised policy p. 27-28.
9. The Minister Provincial must include guidelines on the personal or intimate care of children with disabilities within the revised safeguarding policy document.	This is included in the revised policy p. 31.
10. The Minister Provincial must develop specific guidance on assessing all possible risks when working with children, in the safeguarding policy document. It is especially important that risks associated with activities involving time away from home be included.	This is included in the revised policy p. 29.
11. The Minister Provincial must ensure that the safeguarding policy document includes guidance that when operating projects/activities, children are adequately supervised and protected at all times.	This is included in the revised policy p. 29-30.
12. That the Minister Provincial develops a formal written plan, setting out proposals for safeguarding. This plan should incorporate the recommendations of this review.	The Minister Provincial has drawn up a formal safeguarding plan based on the seven Standards and incorporating the recommendations of the review.