

My name is Theresa Moore and I have been a parishioner here at St Patrick's for the past 34 years. I am also a foundation governor at St Patrick's school, I undertook the role of Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR) when it was first introduced into our Parish a number of years ago. I have a number of years' experience working with vulnerable children and their families.

## **Parish Safeguarding Representative Role**

My role as a Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR) will involve supporting the wellbeing of the Parish and its members in matters **other than** spiritual or theological. My **main responsibilities** as a Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR) will include being available to listen to any safeguarding concerns you may have and promoting good and safe practices in all activities within the parish involving children, young people or vulnerable adults.

## **A Culture of Safeguarding**

As you all may be aware of we are embarking towards a culture of safeguarding where all should be safe from harm and abuse and where every person is encouraged and enabled to enjoy the fullness of life in the caring, nurturing, supportive and protective endeavours of the Catholic community, both individually and collectively. In order to recreate a safe and nurturing environment and deepen (or where necessary rebuild) trust there needs to be a culture of:

- Openness and transparency
- Love and respect
- Responsibility and accountability
- Compassion and support
- Justice and integrity
- Honesty and humility
- Questioning and challenging
- Learning and changing

## **DBS formerly known as CRB's**

Every volunteer who will come forward kindly offering some of their precious time to get involved in one or more of the many activities within the parish will have to go through a disclosure barring service also now known as DBS or previously known as CRB. This ensures that those who work with vulnerable groups have been recruited on a fully informed basis. Anyone wishing to volunteer should talk to Fr Darren. I will then be the person to offer guidance when filling in the forms to move the application forward.

## **Conclusion and Contact's**

Should the need arise please be aware that you can approach me in person, call me or email me without hesitation. You will find my details on the newsletter and on the Safeguarding poster located on the parish notice board. Thank you very much Theresa Moore, Parish Safeguarding Representative.