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To: All Licensed Clergy, PCC Secretaries, Nominated Persons, DCPO,
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Dear Colleagues

Re: The Independent Safeguarding Authority



Many of you will have heard about the new Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) and the Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS). I am writing to give you some information about how this Government initiative will affect us in the Diocese of Bristol and enclose a page giving an overview of the process, which can be added to your 'Safe and Sound' for future reference, if you have one.

For the time being most of the content of this letter and enclosure is for your information and to answer some of your questions about 'How does this affect me/the PCC/my organisation?' Carolyn Buckeridge will make this the topic for her training sessions for Nominated People (NP) next autumn, with dates in September and October so that everyone is equipped for the changes in November. Please make sure that you look out for those dates and ensure your Nominated Person, or other responsible representative if the NP is unable to attend, is there.

Document checkers: I should also like to take this opportunity of reminding you that the people who come out to the parishes to check documents for CRB applications are volunteers. Some of them have been doing this for several years and are looking for well-earned retirement, and see this as a suitable time to go. Please could you give thought to whether there is someone in your congregation who might be able and willing to undertake this important role? Training is given and the more people we have the less work it is for the few. We should like to have a minimum of two people per deanery.

With thanks,

Yours sincerely

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DIOCESAN SECRETARY

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