

# AUDIT REPORTS

## 2006-2012

Prepared by the Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Service  
(formerly National Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults)

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"The Catholic Church in Scotland is concerned with the lives, safety, wholeness and well-being of each individual person within God's purpose for everyone.

It seeks to safeguard the welfare of people of all ages who are involved in whatever capacity with the Church and its organisations.

As a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us, ordained, professed, paid and voluntary members, to work together to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect of children, young people and adults at risk."

*'Awareness and Safety in our Catholic Communities 2007'*

## **Introduction**

Each year the Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Service (formerly National Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults) in the person of the National Co-ordinator presents a report to the Bishops' Conference of Scotland at their November meeting which details an Audit of the eight dioceses in Scotland in relation to the work of safeguarding in the previous calendar year. For example the 2012 Audit was presented earlier this month to the Bishops' Conference. The process began with an audit in 2006, by 2007 the format was established.

The Audit contains details of how safe environments are created with disclosure checks on those involved with children and vulnerable adults in a Church setting. When the Disclosure Scotland scheme was introduced it was decided by the Bishops that all Clergy, anyone applying for seminary and all volunteers in parishes would be required to complete an Enhanced Disclosure, the most rigorous level. All employees of the Church engaged in work with children or vulnerable adults are required at recruitment to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure. This Disclosure scheme is presently being systematically replaced by the PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) scheme.

As well as Disclosure/PVG Training plays an important role in creating safe environments. The current national safeguarding training programme developed by professionals within the Catholic Church is called "Awareness and Safety in Our Catholic Communities". The training programme includes a Welcome Guide for all volunteers in the parishes with clear guidance about appropriate safeguarding procedures and good practice. This training is mandatory and delivered by experienced and trained Diocesan safeguarding Trainers. The Audit contains details about the training undertaken annually.

Finally, the Audit presented to the Bishops' Conference contains details of any allegations which have been made and how these have been dealt with.

## **The Diocesan Structure**

The eight Scottish dioceses<sup>1</sup> each have a Safeguarding Advisor, a Safeguarding Team, a Risk Assessment Team, and a system for the management of Sex Offenders. There are also Authorised Listeners to support survivors. Each parish has a Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator (PSG) who is a volunteer who looks after the administration of safeguarding (2011 - 96% of parishes had at least one).

Each diocese asks parishes to complete an audit form towards the beginning of the year and these are collated by the diocese and forwarded to the Office of the National Co-ordinator where the annual Audit presented to the Bishops' Conference is collated.

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<sup>1</sup> St.Andrews & Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Argyll & the Isles, Dunkeld, Galloway, Glasgow, Motherwell and Paisley.

Each Diocesan Advisor is also required (with the respective Bishop) to complete a Diocesan Audit. This captures annual data in respect to the following:

- Policies and Procedures in place in each Diocesan Office
- The structure and remits of the Safeguarding Teams
- Information about meetings held by the Safeguarding Teams
- Number of priests in active ministry
- Number of students in seminary and the date(s) of their annual training

### **This Report**

This Report is the distillation of the detail of the reports from 2006-2012. Every effort has been made to ensure that for the protection of survivors no identification of individual cases can be made.

## Enhanced Disclosure / PVG 2007-2012

These figures detail the number of priests in parishes who have undergone Enhanced Disclosure (2012 PVG - the number of priests who have become part of the PVG scheme). The volunteer figure is all of those in parishes, rounded to the nearest 100, who have any involvement with children or vulnerable adults and who have undergone Enhanced Disclosure.

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2012/PVG
<b>Clergy</b> <sup>2</sup>	513/577	506/596	536/593	527/554	524/578	481/508	245
	89%	85%	90%	95%	91%	95%	n/a
<b>Volunteers</b>	6,000	7,000	6,500	8,000	6,600	7,200	n/a

## Training

Each diocese has Trainers who work with the clergy and volunteers to raise awareness and help in the creation of safe environments. These numbers are those who were trained each year in the categories of Priests, Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators, Volunteers who work with children, and Volunteers who work with vulnerable adults.

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Clergy</b>	254 <sup>3</sup>	110	112	90	171	185	172
<b>PSGs</b>	254 <sup>4</sup>	164	237	216	232	238	245
<b>Volunteers/ Children</b>	n/a	1818	3085	3285	3615	3666	2982
<b>Volunteers/ Adults</b>	n/a	1798	2606	3462	3889	3966	3442

<sup>2</sup> Priests active in parishes. Number Disclosed/Number active in Parishes

<sup>3</sup> This figure is the combined figure for Priests and PSGs, separate figures were not recorded.

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## Allegations 2006-2012

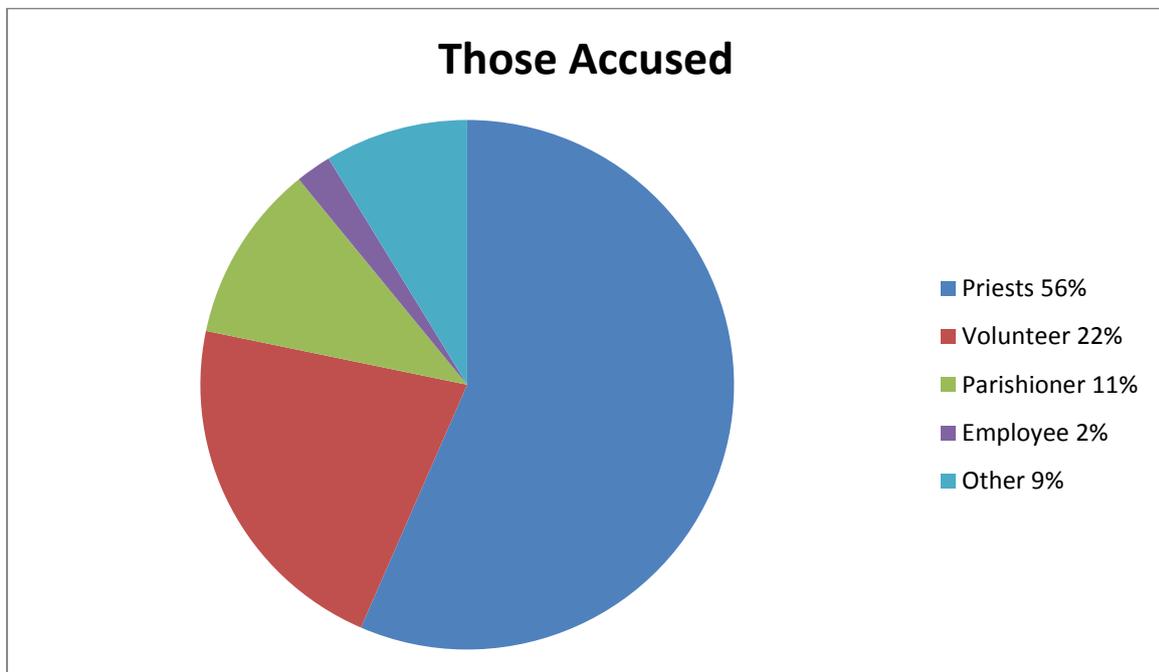
This section describes the allegations received each year from 2006 until 2012, the category of person against whom the allegation was made, and the time frame when the allegation occurred.

Year	Number	Against whom	Time frame
2006	5	1 priest 2 volunteers 1 parishioner 1 other <sup>5</sup>	1 historical 4 2000s
2007	2	2 volunteers	1 historical 1 2000s
2008	11	7 priests 1 volunteer 2 parishioners 2 others	1 historical 1 1960s 1 1960-70s 8 2000s
2009	3	3 volunteers	1 historical 1 1970s 1 2000s
2010	8	5 priests 2 volunteers 1 parishioner	1 1950-60s 2 1960s 1 1960-70s 2 1980s 1 2000s 1 2010s
2011	6	4 priests 1 employee 1 parishioner	2 1990s 4 2010s

<sup>5</sup> Other can be a relative/partner of someone involved in the life of the Church or a seminarian.

<b>2012</b>	11	10 priests 1 other	2 historical 1 1950s 3 1960s 1 1960-70s 1 1970s 3 2010s
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**Breakdown of those accused**



**Types of Abuse**

In the period 2006-2012 55% of the allegations made were of sexual abuse in some form; 19% related to physical abuse in some form; 11% were allegations of verbal abuse and 15% contained emotional abuse.

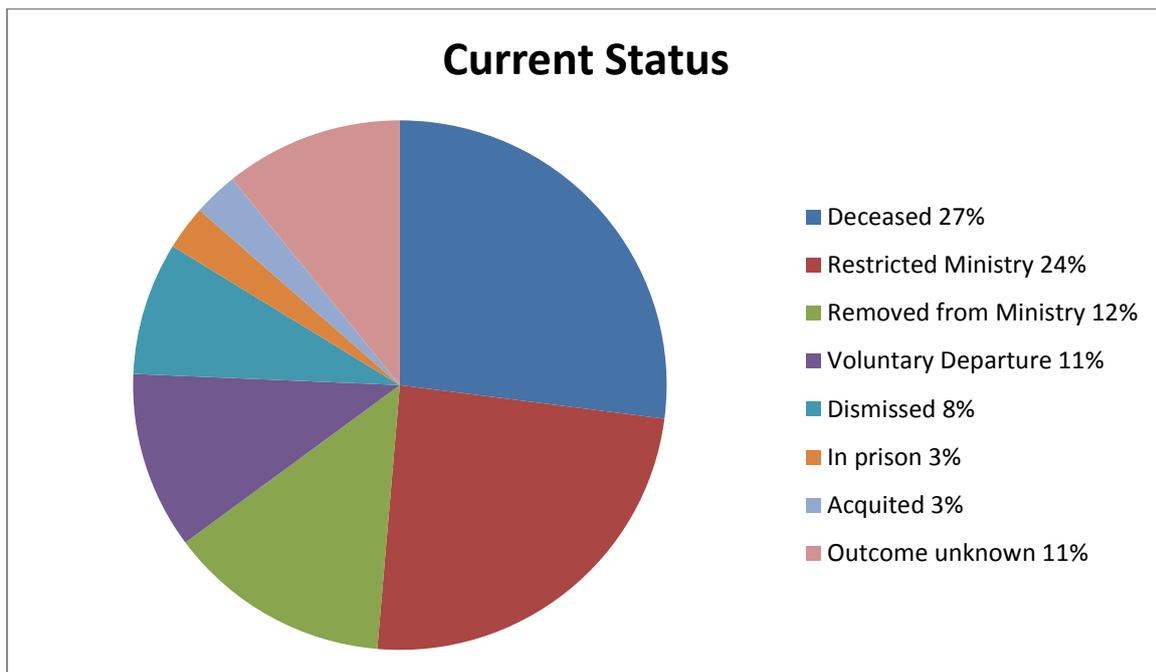
## Reporting to the Statutory Authorities

It is policy to report all allegations to the Statutory Authorities. Seven cases were already in the hands of the police at the time the allegation came to the Church. Five complainants could not or refused to give sufficient information for reporting and 4 other cases couldn't be reported as the identity of the reported perpetrator was unclear for example.

## Prosecutions following Allegations

As of November 2013 61% of all cases resulted in no prosecution by the Statutory Authorities; 15% of allegations resulted in a prosecution and 10% are still currently under investigation. The remaining 14% are unknown historical cases.

## Current Status of Accused Perpetrators reported to the Statutory Authorities



## APPENDIX

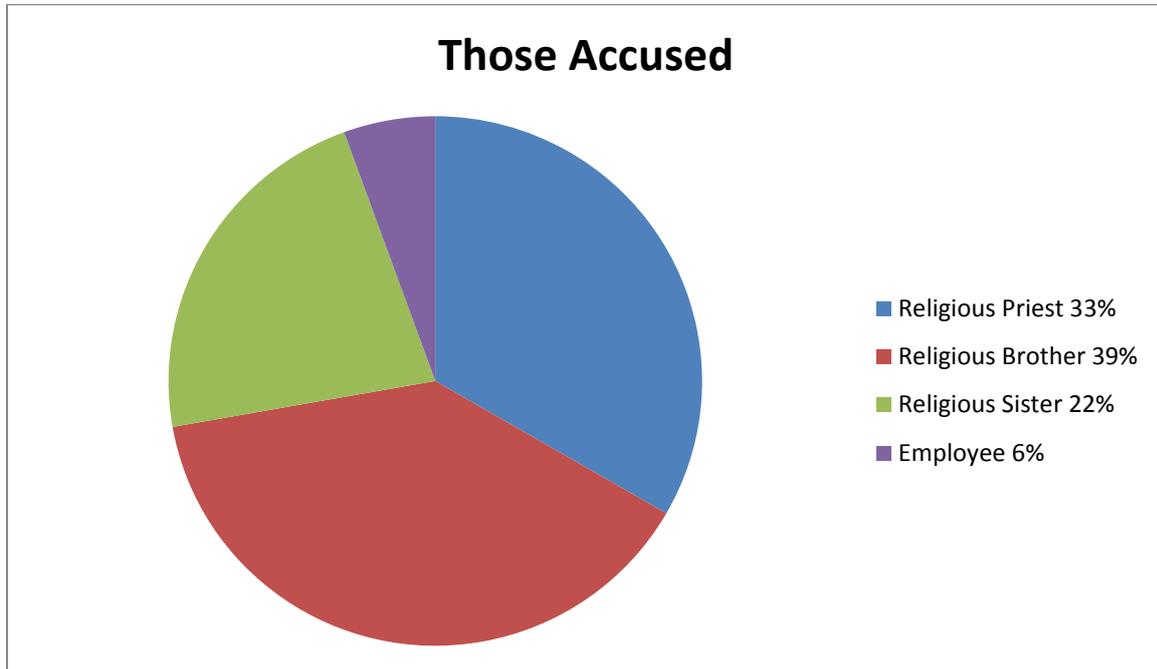
### Religious Orders in Scotland

The Conference of Religious Scotland has designated Link Coordinators with a Safeguarding remit for each Religious Order. All Link Coordinators meet annually for a one day conference with the National Coordinator. The CRS has its own Safeguarding Commission (Risk Assessment Team) which includes membership by the National Safeguarding Coordinator. Below for completeness is an audit of the allegations made to the various Religious Orders in the period 2009-12, there were no recorded allegations in the period 2006-2008.

### Allegations 2009-12

Year	Number	Against whom	Time frame
2009	4	1 Religious Priest 2 Religious Sisters 1 Employee	2 1970s 2 2000s
2010	3	1 Religious Priest 2 Religious Brothers	1 1940s 1 1970s 1 2000s
2011	5	1 Religious Priest 3 Religious Brothers 1 Religious Sister	3 historical 1 1950s 1 1970s
2012	6	3 Religious Priests 2 Religious Brothers 1 Religious Sister	1 1940s 3 1970s 1 1980s 1 1990s

## Breakdown of those accused



## Types of Abuse

In the period 2009-2012 48% of the allegations were of sexual abuse in some form; 35% related to physical abuse in some form; 13% were allegations of emotional abuse and 4% other.

## Reporting to the Statutory Authorities

It is policy to report all allegations to the Statutory Authorities. All cases were reported except for two. In one instance the complainant refused to provide further information and the other involved a case of accidental physical harm.

## Prosecutions following Allegations

As of November 2013 75% of all cases resulted in no prosecution by the Statutory Authorities; 25% of allegations resulted in a prosecution.

## Current Status of Accused Perpetrators reported to the Statutory Authorities

