Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Service

SAFEGUARDING ALLEGATIONS AUDIT 2017

PVG SCHEME MEMBERSHIP in 2017

Group	Total Nos	PVG Scheme membership
Clergy (Priests & Deacons)	506	494
Parish volunteers	9608	9365
Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators	508	494
Seminarians	31	31

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING PARTICIPATION in 2017

Group	No
Parish Priests	197
Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators	326
Seminarians	27

ALLEGATIONS REPORTED in 2017 BY DIOCESES

No. of allegations in total = **9** (8 against Priests; 1 against Seminarian)

Type of abuse			
Sexual	8	Emotional	1
Physical	1	Unknown ¹	1

(It is unusual for a victim to experience one form of abuse alone. Therefore, the above figures will include reports of an individual experiencing, for example, physical and sexual abuse.

Time period of alleged abuse		
1980s	4	
2001-2010	1	
2011-2017	1	
Unknown ²	3	

Reporting of Allegations to Statutory Authorities		
Allegations reported to Statutory Authorities	6	

Rea	Reason for non-reporting of 3 other allegations				
•	allegation was already being investigated by the statutory authorities in another jurisdiction	1			
•	allegation was already known to the Police prior	2			
	to disclosure to the Diocesan personnel				

Action taken on allegations reported to authorities			
Prosecution			
Case still under investigation			
No further action being taken by Police			
Prosecution of individual for making a false allegation			

Status of those accused	
Deceased	2
Restricted ministry	2
Removed from ministry	1
Retired and awaiting completion of investigation	1
Awaiting dispensation	1
No further action	1
Outside Scottish jurisdiction	1

Details were not shared by Police Scotland.
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ALLEGATIONS REPORTED in 2017 BY RELIGIOUS CONGREGATIONS

Number of allegations in total = 10

Alleged perpetrator ³	
Religious Priest	4
Brother	2
Sister	4
Employee	1

Type of abuse					
Sexual	8	Emotional	4	Verbal	2
Physical	3	Unknown 4	2		

Time period of alleged abuse		
1960s	4	
1970s	1	
1980s	2	
Unknown ⁵	3	

Reporting of Allegations to Statutory Authorities		
Allegations reported to Statutory Authorities	6	
Allegations already known to Police Scotland	4	

Outcomes so far	
Allegation still under investigation	10

Status of those accused	
Deceased	3
Still under investigation	4
Unknown ⁶	3

³ One allegation involved two people in the same allegation.
⁴ insufficient data provided to Police.
⁵ Details not provided by Police Scotland.
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