

STANDARD 7

QUALITY ASSURING COMPLIANCE WITH THE STANDARDS GUIDANCE FOR INDICATOR 7.1

7.1A Guidance on Ensuring Compliance with the Seven Standards at Local Level

Quality assurance procedures are a systematic method of assessing the extent to which the seven child safeguarding standards are implemented at all levels within the Church body. This is an important method of ensuring that a process of continuous improvement takes place, and of demonstrating accountability and transparency.

Quality assurance is done by applying three methods:

1. Assessing compliance by the Church authority during systematic visits to parishes or community houses (Guidance 7.1B);
2. Annual self-audit scheme (Guidance 7.1C) carried out locally, but coordinated by the safeguarding committee;
3. Annual report by the DLP to the Church authority on Standards 2, 3 and 4 (Guidance 7.1D).

All of the documents produced are internal to the Church organisation and **do not need to be sent to the NBSCCI**.