

# Taking Care Update

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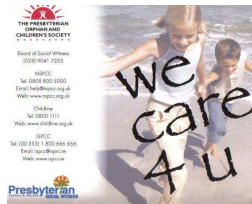
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## New Office for Taking Care!



Welcome to the new Taking Care Update. My name is Deborah Webster and I am the recently appointed Taking Care Co-ordinator and Trainer for PCI. A new office has been set up to deal specifically with Taking Care. You will find us on the top floor of Church House—yes, that's 5 flights of stairs! Please contact the office if you have any queries about Taking Care issues or if training is required for your congregation. Overleaf is a copy of the 'Recruitment and Selection of New Leaders' process, please make sure that your congregation is following the process correctly. Our thanks goes to the commitment and thoroughness of our Designated Persons who are working diligently throughout the year striving to keep our children and young people safe. Keep up the good work!

## We Care 4 U Distributed



By now, all 21 Presbyteries will have received their We care 4 U pocket guides for children. Our thanks goes to the Presbytery Clerks who passed on the guides to the relevant churches. A special thanks to Neal Wilkinson—a volunteer with the BSW this year who drove 700 miles to deliver them!

We have heard that children all over Ireland are receiving their pocket guides and we hope that they will help to promote their safety within our churches. If you need more pocket guides for your church please contact the Taking Care Office.

## New Seatbelt Regulations!

### LAW in N.I as of February 27th '07

- ◇ Booster seats for children aged 3 to 12 and under 135cm (4ft 5ins) compulsory.
- ◇ Exemptions are: in a taxi, for a short distance in an unexpected necessity or where 2 occupied child seats in the rear prevent the fitting of a third.
- ◇ Churches should NOT be buying booster seats - it is up to parents to buy or borrow one for an outing or trip.
- ◇ Children must wear adult seatbelts in a minibus, bus or coach where fitted unless appropriate boosters are available (most car boosters are unsuitable for buses).
- ◇ Drivers are liable to prosecution if a child under 14 does not wear a restraint or seatbelt.



## Attention Designated Persons!

Essential training for Designated Persons will begin this year. This will be done at presbytery level. The first events are arranged for the following:

North Belfast - *Sat 10th March Glengormley*  
Ards - *Sat 28th April West Church Bangor*  
Derry & Strabane - *Sat 12th May Strabane*  
Other Presbyteries will be notified in due course

## R.O.I

Vetting forms are now available for the Republic of Ireland. If your church has volunteers or employees who are new as of September 2006 make sure they complete a form. Available from your Clerk of Presbytery or the Taking Care Office.

