

**MINUTES OF DIOCESAN PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS RESOURCE
GROUP – HELD THURSDAY 26 JUNE 1997**

PRESENT

Ms Sue Prosser, Mrs Judy van Dalen, Mr John Browning, Fr John Grace, Bishop Brian Heenan

APOLOGY

Mr John Shaw (John had not been informed of the date of this meeting)

SPECIAL GUEST

Sister Di-Anne Rowan presented a report of the meeting held between the Sisters of Mercy and a group of former residents of Neerkol. (A report in note form is attached.)

Sister Dianne offered the service of the Congregation Professional Standards Office, staffed by the Response Co-ordinator, Margaret Newton. It was suggested that the Co-ordinator could be the first response for all calls (complaints using the same phone number). Complaints against parish workers, teachers, priests, could be referred to the diocesan Contact Person, and then to the Diocesan Co-ordinator. Cost would be shared proportionally.

Recommendation It was agreed to accept the offer

Action:

1. Inform Sr Di-Anne of the decision
2. John Browning to inform the Provincial Convenor for the purpose of the brochure.

ASSESSORS It was agreed to call on the services of the assessors nominated by the Provincial Resource Group. The names of Margaret Tucker and Frank O'Driscoll were raised.

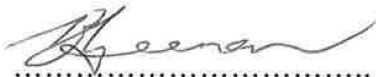
DIOCESAN CONTACT PERSONS Important to help them prepare by meeting with Margaret Newton and members of the Diocesan Professional Standards Group. Margie will be asked for a date on which a meeting could be arranged.

Action: Check the date through Sue Prosser

SUE PROSSER'S ABSENCE Request Sister Anne Slattery to join this group for her expertise and to continue a link between the Sisters of Mercy and the Diocese. Sue will not attend meetings until further notice.

NEXT MEETING The date of the next meeting is Friday 08 August 1997.

Action: Inform John Shaw and invite Sister Anne Slattery



+ Brian Heenan