



HATRIET ĠODDA FIL-KUMMISSJONI TAS-SAFEGUARDING TAD-DJOĊESI TA' GHAWDEX

Id-Djoċesi ta' Ghawdex thabbar il-ħatra tas-Sinjura Miriam Portelli bħala Kap tal-Kummissjoni tas-Safeguarding. Is-Sa Portelli nhatret minflok is-Sa Loraine Borg Cassar li qdiet dan l-irwol sa mit-twaqqif tal-Kummissjoni.

Is-Sa Borg Cassar kienet talbet li tieqaf mir-rwol ta' Kap tal-Kummissjoni fil-bidu tas-sena 2025 minhabba raġunijiet familjari u ta' impenji oħra. Hija kienet intalbet tibqa' taqdi l-irwol tagħha sakemm tinħatar persuna oħra.

Filwaqt li tilqa' lis-Sa Miriam Portelli u tawguralha għall-hidma tagħha, id-Djoċesi ta' Ghawdex tesprimi r-rikonoxximent u l-gratitudni tagħha lejn is-Sa Borg Cassar għax-xogħol professjonali u d-dedikazzjoni tagħha fil-formazzjoni u fit-tmexxija tal-Kummissjoni tas-Safeguarding b'risq il-ħarsien tal-minuri u l-persuni vulnerabbli. Tiringrazzjaha wkoll għad-disponibbiltà tagħha li tibqa' tassisti lill-Kummissjoni.

Id-Djoċesi ta' Ghawdex ħatret ukoll lil Dr Theresien Mizzi biex tingħaqad mas-Sa Francine Farrugia Magrin fl-Investigation and Assessment Team tal-istess Kummissjoni tas-Safeguarding. Dan it-tim għandu l-irwol li jagħmel indaġni dwar ir-rapporti li jsiru.

Il-Kummissjoni tas-Safeguarding tad-Djoċesi ta' Ghawdex thaddan ukoll Advisory Board magħmul minn professjonisti li jivvalutaw ir-rapporti tal-Investigation and Assessment Team. Il-membri ta' dan il-Bord huma Dr Chantelle Azzopardi, Dr Michael Galea, is-Sa Pauline Grech, Dr Simon Mifsud u s-Sa Marie Claude Xerri.

Il-Kummissjoni tas-Safeguarding tinkludi wkoll psikologi u counsellors li jgħinu lill-allegati vittmi u l-familji tal-vittmi. Din is-sezzjoni hi mmexxija minn Dr Marlene Cauchi.

Il-konsulent legali tal-Kummissjoni huwa Dr Stanley Joe Portelli.

Il-Call Centre tal-Kummissjoni huwa f'idejn is-Sa Marie Claude Xerri.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS WITHIN THE SAFEGUARDING COMMISSION OF THE DIOCESE OF GOZO

The Diocese of Gozo has announced the appointment of Ms Miriam Portelli as Head of the Safeguarding Commission. Ms Portelli succeeds Ms Loraine Borg Cassar, who had served in this role since the Commission was established.

Ms Borg Cassar had requested to step down from her role as Head of the Commission at the beginning of 2025 due to family reasons and other commitments. She had been asked to remain in the role until a successor was appointed.

While welcoming Ms Miriam Portelli and wishing her every success in her new role, the Diocese of Gozo expresses its recognition and gratitude to Ms Borg Cassar for her professional work and dedication in the formation and leadership of the Safeguarding Commission, in the interest of protecting minors and vulnerable persons. The Diocese also thanks her for her continued availability to assist the Commission.

The Diocese of Gozo has also appointed Dr Theresien Mizzi to join Ms Francine Farrugia Magrin on the Investigation and Assessment Team of the Safeguarding Commission. This team is responsible for investigating reports received by the Commission.

The Safeguarding Commission of the Diocese of Gozo also has an Advisory Board made up of professionals who assess the reports submitted by the Investigation and Assessment Team. The members of the Board are Dr Chantelle Azzopardi, Dr Michael Galea, Ms Pauline Grech, Dr Simon Mifsud and Ms Marie Claude Xerri.

The Safeguarding Commission also includes a team of psychologists and counsellors who provide support to alleged victims and their families. This section is headed by Dr Marlene Cauchi.

The Commission's legal consultant is Dr Stanley Joe Portelli, while its Call Centre is coordinated by Ms Marie Claude Xerri.

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