# **The Diocese of Truro Spiritual Direction**

## Current Criteria for inclusion on the Truro Diocesan List of Spiritual Directors

**Members:**

a) Will be receiving spiritual direction themselves.

b) Will have appropriate previous experience of offering this ministry as a reflective practitioner as evidenced by

i) the successful completion of an established training course or

ii) prior long-term experience including ongoing study and supervision

c) Will be committed to the process of supervision.

d) Will be committed to attend, whenever possible, meetings whose purpose is to encourage and support its members in their ministry.

**Those wishing to be included on the Truro Diocesan List of Spiritual Directors will be asked to:**

a) Complete an application form.

b) Provide a short reference from someone who has knowledge of the applicant’s ministry as a spiritual director. This might be their supervisor, course trainer, coordinator, or another person from within that ministry who is competent to give such a reference.

The short reference is to include:

i) the length of time the applicant has been known to them.

ii) the capacity in which they are known

iii) a comment on the current suitability of the applicant for this ministry.

iv) anything else the individual feels appropriate to comment on.

c) If the applicant is coming from outside the Diocese of Truro, then a reference from their previous Bishop is required. If the applicant is from outside the Anglican tradition, then a reference from a similar person (e.g. circuit supervisor, moderator) is required.

d) Have a conversation with the Revd Janette Mullett (janette@asht.org.uk) or another member of the referrals team about how their experience relates to the four membership criteria of the Truro Diocesan List of Spiritual Directors. Following this meeting, the reference will be taken up.

e) Comply with the Diocesan guidelines for Safeguarding / DBS clearance and training.**\***

Following consideration of the above, a recommendation will be made to the Bishop regarding inclusion on the Truro Diocesan List of Spiritual Directors. Those who are recommended will be informed in writing.

Those who are not recommended will also be informed in writing, and if they so wish, a meeting will be arranged with a member (or members) of the referrals team in order to consider further options for them.

f) Be willing to participate in on-going Professional Development, networking opportunities etc.

Benefits of membership will include insurance cover and an invitation to an annual 'commissioning' service for those in spiritual direction ministry in the Diocese/county, in recognition of the value placed on their ministry.

**\* A Spiritual Direction relationship is essentially a confidential one. However compliance with Diocesan Safeguarding Policy means that directors will work to some limitations around confidentiality ie Both law and sound morals impose a general duty not to pass on information given in the expectation that it will be kept in confidence. However directors should make clear to any person who might be about to make a disclosure, that where there are issues of safeguarding and / or a serious crime this may not be possible.**