

**COMMUNICATING THE CHURCH'S SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE
DIOCESE OF RAPHOE 2024 - 2026**

RATIONALE

Communicating the Safeguarding policies, procedures, and practices of the Catholic Church at all levels is a core strategy in safeguarding children. These are only effective if everyone, including children, understands their purpose and knows how to use them. To implement them effectively, clear communication systems need to be in place.

Communication is a two-way process, sharing information back and forth between parties so it is essential that all involved are fully aware of the procedures.

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WHO	WHAT	HOW	RESPONSIBILITY
LAY FAITHFUL	Diocesan Safeguarding Policy Statement. Child Safeguarding Statement (Children 1 st)	Diocesan & Parish Communication Channels. (Digital/Written etc) Church Noticeboards	Parish Priests
	Director of Safeguarding Contact details. How to report an allegation or suspicion. Contact Details of Support Agencies for Complainants and Respondents	Parish Communication Channels Church Noticeboard. Diocesan Communication Channels	Parish Priests
CHILDREN IN CHURCH ACTIVITIES PARENTS/CARERS/GUARDIANS	How the Church safeguards you and those for whom you care. Who to talk to if you are uncomfortable in your setting. How to report an allegation or suspicion. Contact Details of Support Agencies for Complainants and Respondents	Parish Communication Channels. Church Noticeboard. Diocesan Communication Channels Induction Meeting at Parish level	Parish Priests Activity leaders/Volunteers
CHURCH & PARISH PERSONNEL & VOLUNTEERS LOCAL SAFETY REPRESENTATIVES	Diocesan Safeguarding Policy and Procedures for working with children and vulnerable Adults. Updates/changes to practice. Contact details of all relevant agencies. How to report an allegation/suspicion. Contact Details of Support Agencies for Complainants and Respondents	Training. Safeguarding Newsletter. Church Noticeboard. Diocesan & Parish Communication Channels. NBSCCI Parish Advice Pack	Diocesan Management Director of Safeguarding Training Updates.

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<p>PRIESTS. CHAPLAINS. MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS</p>	<p>NBSCCCI Standards and Practice. Diocesan Standards and Practice How to report an allegation/suspicion. Where to seek support</p> <p>Diocesan Safeguarding Statement <i>Child Safeguarding Statement (Children 1st)</i></p> <p>Changes/Updates to National Requirements</p> <p>Contact Details for Director of Safeguarding and Statutory authorities.</p> <p>Contact Details of Support Agencies for Complainants and Respondents</p>	<p>Diocesan Communication Channels</p> <p>Safeguarding Newsletters</p> <p>Presentation at Clergy meeting.</p> <p>Parish Audit</p>	
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WHO	WHAT	HOW	RESPONSIBILITY
<p>DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE & BISHOP</p>	<p>Communications from NBSCCCI Updates to best practice as directed by National Board. Supports required at Parish level.</p>	<p>Committee Meetings every 2 months Annual Report Annual Parish Audits Parish Visits</p>	

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