

## Safeguarding Standard 2: Responding

- The Church of Ireland shall ensure that all suspicions, concerns, knowledge or allegations of abuse will be managed in line with legislative requirements and Church of Ireland safeguarding policies.
- Church of Ireland safeguarding policies and procedures comply with legislative requirements and good practice and shall be reviewed annually.
- The Church of Ireland will care for young people and vulnerable adults and will respond to allegations and concerns of abuse in an appropriate manner as they arise.
- The Church of Ireland is committed to working in a victim/survivor centred way.

KEY INDICATORS	Compliance Indicators
1. Church of Ireland members, are made aware of and provided with links to the Church's Safeguarding Policies and the appropriate responding and internal and external reporting procedures to follow in the event of a safeguarding concern or allegation of abuse.	Declarations, relevant training, website and links, Newsletter, Diocesan publications, Church property notices, permission forms.
2. Parish and Diocesan Panels are appointed and trained in their roles and responsibilities for either child or adult safeguarding.	Diocesan training register, vetting records.
3. Parish and Diocesan Panels will report on Safeguarding issues or concerns that are communicated to them. These will be communicated to the statutory authorities in accordance with statutory requirements and Church of Ireland safeguarding policies.	Panel safeguarding records Records of reports to statutory authorities
4. Parish and Diocesan Panels record all suspicions, concerns, knowledge or allegations and action taken which complies with relevant data protection legislation, guidance on confidentiality, storage of information and Church of Ireland policies.	Panel safeguarding records
5. The Church of Ireland offers appropriate pastoral care and support to complainants and respondents and those who have experienced abuse.	In line with an agreed Case Management process
6. The Church of Ireland works cooperatively with relevant organisations and seeks specialist advice from the statutory services as necessary.	Safeguarding Records
7. The Church of Ireland has a clear procedure (Code of Behaviour) regarding concerns of inappropriate behaviour that are not allegations of abuse.	Complaints Procedure-Church of Ireland Codes of Behaviour
8. The Church of Ireland has clear whistle-blowing procedures to support and assist Church of Ireland personnel to raise concerns of abuse or unethical conduct by others involved in Church of Ireland activities towards children & vulnerable adults.	To be added to Policy (See recommendations from the Quality Assurance Framework)