

# **CONSIDERING A SAFEGUARDING REFERRAL**

IF ABUSE IS INDICATED, DISCLOSED OR SUSPECTED

EMOTIONAL  
ABUSE

SEXUAL  
ABUSE

NEGLECT  
ABUSE

PHYSICAL  
ABUSE

DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE

**DO NOT PANIC**

If a disclosure of abuse is made by a child, young person or adult or an incident of abuse is witnessed

There are concerns about the possible abuse or well being of child or young person

**DO NOT DELAY**

Speak to your Parish Safeguarding Officer or Incumbent and report the matter to the Police or Children's Social Care immediately. Inform the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser as soon as possible.

Discuss your concerns with your Parish Safeguarding Officer or Incumbent and Seek advice from the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser.

Keep clear, written records including the name, d.o.b, address and contact number for the child, the name of anyone else who was present, the details of the disclosure or concern, the actions that you took, who you spoke and details of the parents or carers of the child.

**DO NOT** try to investigate the matter yourself

**NEVER** discuss the matter with the alleged perpetrator

**REMEMBER** – SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

**NEVER DO NOTHING**