

NBSCCCI Review of Safeguarding Practice in the Diocese of Down and Connor

Engaging with Survivors of Abuse

The Diocese of Down and Connor will shortly be engaging with the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church (NBSCCCI) to review our safeguarding practices. This was outlined in our recent Newsletter which can be found on both the diocesan and safeguarding website (www.downandconnor.org/safeguarding). The review will commence on the 9th and 10th of May and recommence on the 22nd and 23rd of May.

As part of the review the Diocese would wish to hear from any survivors who have not yet come forward to do so.

Should anyone wish to make a new referral, contact can be made directly to the Police, Social Services or the Designated Officer(s) for the Diocese, Andy Thomson or Barbara McDermott. Contact details can be found at the end of this message.

If during the diocesan review anyone contacts the review team to make a referral, it is important to understand that the review team will liaise directly with the Statutory Authorities and the Diocese to ensure an appropriate response and the availability of counselling which will be provided by "Towards Healing".

Contact details:

PSNI: 02890 650222

Designated Officer for Down and Connor: 02890 492798

Social Services: 02890 565656