



Diocese of Clonfert

Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons

Policy Statement

The Diocese of Clonfert is committed to creating a safe, caring and compassionate environment for all but especially for those parishioners defined as “vulnerable”. The principles, which underpin our work with vulnerable people are based on Gospel values and are rooted in respect for the rights of vulnerable persons who are entitled to:

- Live in safety and be free from abuse or fear of abuse by others.
- Be treated with respect, kindness and understanding.
- Be supported in receiving the Sacraments and spiritual direction.
- Be protected from all forms of harm and exploitation.
- Have their emotional, physical and sexual integrity respected.
- Have their ethnicity and sexual identity respected.
- Be supported in making their own decisions.
- Have allegations of abuse responded to in a timely manner and investigated.
- Have their consent sought and taken into consideration in notifying civil authorities.
- Be offered guidance in seeking help and counselling.

All clergy, religious, staff and volunteers within the context and agency of the Diocese must acknowledge their individual responsibility to report matters of concern. In such instances, contact any of the following:

Diocesan Designated Liaison Persons:

Mrs Mary Gormley 087-2882500

Rev Ciaran Kitching 090-9676151

HSE Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons and Protection:

La Nua, Ballybane,
Castlepark Road, Galway.

Tel: 091 748432

Email: safeguarding.cho2@hse.ie

Garda National Protective Services Bureau:

Harcourt Square Dublin 2:

Tel: 01 666 3430/3423;

Garda Confidential Service:

Tel: 1800 666 111

For further information on Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons within the Diocese of Clonfert, contact

**Ms Isabelle Mulkern,
Safeguarding Co-ordinator**

**Diocese of Clonfert, Coorheen, Loughrea, Co. Galway
091-841560 or 083-8791745**



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For further information on the Diocese of Clonfert Policy and Procedures for Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons, visit www.clonfertdiocese.ie

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