

Aims of the Jesuit Safeguarding Office

Many people have suffered throughout their lives because of abuse they experienced as children. The effects can be devastating.

We wish to offer support to those who have been affected in this way.

Child abuse by religious is an ultimate betrayal of trust. The Society of Jesus in Ireland (Jesuits) wants to respond to the harm caused by some of their members. The safeguarding office works with individuals who suffered abuse and explores what response they would like to see.

It takes great courage to disclose abuse and a high level of trust. We would hope that any person who comes forward to say that they were abused would experience a compassionate and helpful response from the staff of the safeguarding office.



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SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

Information for complainants and survivors of child abuse



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DECIDING WHETHER TO CONTACT THE JESUIT SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

- The office is staffed with lay professionals who are experienced in talking with people who have had traumatic experiences.
- You are welcome to contact by letter, by email or by phone.
- Sometimes people want to meet. We will meet you when you are ready and share information with you on the supports available.
- Sometimes people want to share with us their experiences of harm. This is done entirely at the pace that is right for the individual who was harmed.
- Often a person who was abused has questions about what happened and how. The staff of the safeguarding office will do their best to answer questions.
- Counselling is provided by external services free of charge to the person using the service. Find information on this under "Useful Contacts".

- The Jesuits have in place a redress scheme for persons who were sexually abused as children by a Jesuit. [Link to Jesuit Redress Scheme](#)
- If a report needs to be made to An Garda Síochána and Tusla – the Child & Family Agency, we will explain this to you.

USEFUL CONTACTS

An Garda Síochána

Dedicated Freephone for the reporting of child sexual abuse
1800 555 222

Tusla- Child & Family Agency

www.tusla.ie/services/child-protection-welfare/contact-a-social-worker

Towards Healing

Email: info@towardshealing.ie
Freephone: 1800 303 416
www.towardshealing.ie
Towards Healing is an independent service providing counselling and psychotherapy free of charge to people who have experienced religious, clerical or institutional abuse in Ireland.

Towards Peace

01-5053028

www.towardspeace.ie

Towards Peace offers spiritual support to anyone who has been abused in a Catholic Church environment. You can talk to a spiritual companion on a one-to-one and confidential basis. You will be listened to and supported. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space as you seek your own experience of spiritual peace.

One in Four

01-6624070

www.oneinfour.ie

Therapy and advocacy service for survivors of sexual abuse

Samaritans

www.samaritans.org/ireland/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/

For more information visit:
www.jesuit.ie/safeguarding/