

POLICY POSITION ON REPORTING ABUSE

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger.

It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to the statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or further in the past, whether the accused person is living or deceased.

If you are in any role within the Catholic Church in England and Wales, you must refer allegations directly to the Safeguarding Office for your diocese or religious congregation, or directly to the police.

If you are a member of the public, please refer allegations directly to the police, and to the St Peter's Safeguarding Office, Simon Worthy, safeguarding@st-peters.uk (07904 964276) or the Diocesan Safeguarding Officers at safeguarding@northamptondiocese.com (07833 050628)

You can also contact The Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service (CSAS)

by telephone: **0207 901 1920**

or

email: **admin @ csas.uk.net**