

## **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS**

As a Parish Community we are **all** responsible for making sure that children, young people and vulnerable adults are safe from harm.

### **What is YOUR role in safeguarding?**

If you are concerned about a child, young person, or vulnerable adult, **OR** worried about the behaviour of any adult towards a child, young person or vulnerable adult:

### **SPEAK TO SOMEONE**

You may have heard something, you may have seen something, you may have been told something that worries you.

### **PASS ON YOUR CONCERNS**

Don't think, "It is none of my business." You do not need to investigate. You do not need to sort it out. Your responsibility is to **ACT**.

### **What should I report and who should I talk to?**

You should report the facts about what is worrying you.

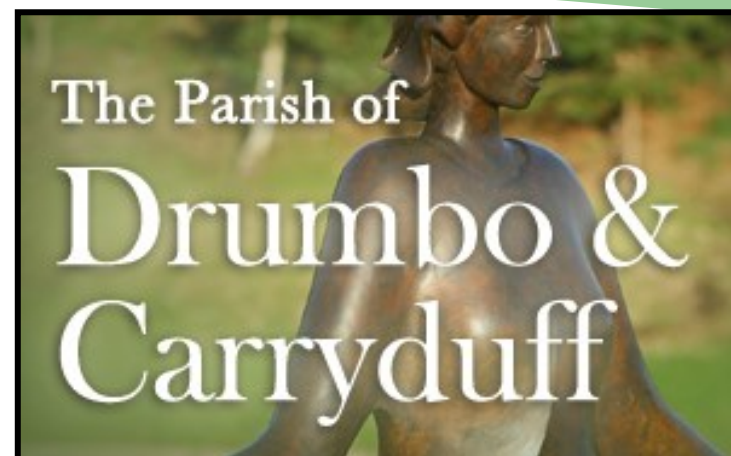
- ◆ Discuss the matter and seek guidance from an officer of the Diocesan Safeguarding Office
- ◆ Refer the matter directly to Social Services
- ◆ Refer the matter directly to the PSNI

### **THE MESSAGE OF SAFE PRACTICE IS BEST PRACTICE!**

To protect our children, young people and vulnerable adults from harm speak up and know who to talk to.

REPORT any concerns, suspicions or knowledge of abuse to:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Ask for</b>
The Diocesan Safeguarding Office	028 90 492783 <b>02890 492798</b> Out of hours: <b>07713642855</b>	A Safeguarding Officer
Social Services (gateway numbers)	028 90 507000 Out of hours: <b>028 95 049999</b>	The Duty Social Worker
The PSNI	101 <b>Emergency: 999</b>	The Public Protection Unit



## **Parish Safeguarding Committee Information**

**February 2020**



**Developing Best Practice in working with Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults in our Parish.**



In the Parish of Drumbo and Carryduff our safeguarding programme involves us **ALL**; the Parish Priest, Fr. Michael Sheehan, Assistant Priest Fr. Sean Rogan, the Parish Safeguarding Committee, volunteers and the **entire** Parish Community.

This leaflet highlights some of the key messages contained in the Diocese of Down and Connor Child Protection Policy (2008). It is designed to make sure that everyone involved in our Parish life becomes familiar with the role of our Parish Safeguarding Committee and is clear about:

- ◆ How to promote safe practice when working with children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Parish of Drumbo and Carryduff.
- ◆ What to do if you have a worry or concern about a child/young person or vulnerable adult's safety or welfare.

### WHAT IS A PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE?

A Parish Safeguarding Committee has been set up in every Parish in the Diocese of Down and Connor. The Committee in the Parish of Drumbo and Carryduff are all volunteers who have an interest and/or experience in safeguarding. They exist to ensure that children, young people and vulnerable adults in our Parish can engage safely in Parish activities and that those who work with them are aware of, and conform to, the best practice in safeguarding according to Diocesan policies.

In addition the Parish Safeguarding Committee requires independent and commercial groups who use Parish facilities to confirm that they too, conform to the Diocesan policies and procedures.

**THEY DO NOT CONDUCT ANY INVESTIGATIONS**



### MEMBERS OF THE PARISH OF DRUMBO AND CARRYDUFF'S SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE

Fr. Michael Sheehan	Sinead Clarke (Chair)
Angelina Thompson	Colette Quinn
Ita Toner	Claire Gilligan
Paul King	Sean O'Neill



If you have any questions in regard to safeguarding, you can contact any member of the Parish Safeguarding Committee through the **Parish Office—Tel: 028 90 812 238** or for further information visit our Safeguarding page on the Parish Website:

<https://www.drumbocarryduff.ie/parish-safe-guarding/>

### VOLUNTEERING IN PARISH LIFE

As a parish, we warmly welcome and fully appreciate the contributions made by all those who volunteer, in whatever way and using whatever skills they may have, to enhance the spiritual and temporal life of our Parish.

#### ***What do I need to do to become a Volunteer?***

If you wish to become involved in volunteering in the Parish of Drumbo and Carryduff where you will be working with children, young people or vulnerable adults you need to be aware of two things:

1. You must be vetted through the Access NI process i.e. criminal record check which the Church by law must carry out.
2. You must attend the Diocesan Parish Information Session i.e. an information session to share with you safe practice when working with children, young people and vulnerable adults.

#### ***How do I do this?***

If you want to start volunteering for an activity involving children, young people or vulnerable adults within the Parish of Drumbo and Carryduff speak to either the Parish Priest, Fr. Michael Sheehan or contact a member of the Parish Safeguarding Committee to get you started.