

WHISTLE BLOWING POLICY of the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore

The Diocese of Waterford & Lismore is committed to implementing the highest standards in child safeguarding practices across all church related activities.

Whistleblowing can be defined as 'raising concerns about wrong-doing or misconduct'. Everybody working within the Catholic Church in Ireland has 'an individual responsibility to bring matters of concern about any dereliction of duty to safeguard children, to the attention of the appropriate person within the Church or statutory authorities. (National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland). Failure to do so could result in a child or young person continuing to be unnecessarily left at risk. Further information is available on www.safeguarding.ie

Whistle-Blowing Record

Section 1 – to be completed by person raising a concern of malpractice	
Name of Person raising Concern	
Name of Person and Church body against whom the Concern is being raised	
Brief Details (factual) of the Concern	
Date and person to whom the concern was raised	

Section 2 – Response by recipient of Concern	
Date Concern was reviewed and assessment of facts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern requires further inquiry • No further action (state reasons) 	
Details of action taken Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating the Bishop • Any referral to statutory agency • Consultation with National Board • Restrictions on ministry • Report to Holy See 	
Date and details of response given to person who raised concern	

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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