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To all Diocesan Bishops

Dear Father

In consultation with the NCSC, Colette Limbrick, Director CSAS has prepared the statement for the Policy Position on Reporting Abuse. To avoid ambiguity, the NCSC has confirmed the statement below as the policy position. The National Policy and Procedure will be strengthened to reflect this but, in the meantime, I would ask you to inform your clergy and those working in the diocese. The NCSC recommends that this statement is visible on diocesan and parish websites and in signatures to emails of those working in the church. Whilst the first three sentences are the policy statement which cannot be altered, dioceses can amend the final statement to direct to their diocesan safeguarding office.

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 statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or 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 also to the safeguarding office in your diocese; (the relevant Diocesan safeguarding office can be located using the interactive map on the links page of the CSAS website www.csas.uk.net - contact details will be shown when you click on the relevant area of the map). You can also contact CSAS by telephoning 0207 901 1920 or via email at admin@csas.uk.net

Yours sincerely,

NCSC Chair
c.c.: Dr Colette Limbrick, Director, CSAS