



SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS POLICY STATEMENT

As a constituent member of the Catholic Church in Ireland, we recognise and uphold the dignity and rights of all children, are committed to ensuring their safety and well-being, and will work in partnership with parents/guardians to do this. We recognise each child as a gift from God, and we value and encourage the participation of children in all activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development. All personnel (including clergy, religious, staff and volunteers) have a responsibility to safeguard children through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe and caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse. We are committed to safeguarding children through the implementation of the Safeguarding Children Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland (2016). This statement has been prepared to comply with the requirements of all legislative requirements in NI and is derived from the Safeguarding Children Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland (2016)

**CHILDREN WHO VISIT NAZARETH HOUSE CARE VILLAGE, BELFAST OR OUR
CONVENTS IN THE IRISH REGION SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF
PARENT/GUARDIANS.**

If you have any concerns about the safety and welfare of children or young adults you can contact the following persons or organisations:

The local Children's Safeguarding Representative in the Home	The Registered Managers (Person in Charge) Patricia McMullan or Carmel Blaney
The designated Safeguarding Liaison Person (Ireland)	John Rafferty, Chief Nursing Officer: Phone Number – 0750 1500390
BHSCT Gateway Team	During office hours (9.00am – 5:00pm) – you should contact Gateway on 028 9050 7000 At all other times (all through the night, at weekends and over Bank Holidays) – you should contact the out-of-hours Emergency Service: 028 9504 9999
The PSNI Public Protection Unit	028 95 361810 or e-mail SBNI.info@hscni.net In an emergency call 999. To report concerns call 101

You also can contact the Registered Manager in Nazareth House Care Village at any time if you have any concerns about the safety and well-being of any child, young adult or a vulnerable person.