

# Loreto Sisters

## Guidance on Responding to Someone (lay or religious) who admits to Abusing a Child

It is necessary to tell a person who admits an offence against a child or young person that such information cannot be kept confidential.

If the allegation does not relate to Church personnel you must refer the matter to Tusla / HSCT, and to An Garda Síochána / PSNI. You can consult with the DLP of the Loreto Sisters anonymously regarding the allegation and for advice on what procedure to follow.

If the allegation relates to Church personnel you should refer this to the DLP of the accused's Church authority who will follow the procedures for referral to Tusla / HSCT, and An Garda Síochána / PSNI, and the provincial.

If you are in the Republic of Ireland and are a Mandated Person, this will take the form of a joint report.



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