

## **COVID-19: Reporting abuse at this time**

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger.

It is the policy of the Catholic Church in Scotland 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 Scotland, you must refer allegations directly to the safeguarding office for your Diocese or Religious Congregation.

If you are a member of the public, you should refer allegations directly to the police and also to the safeguarding office in your Diocese [safeguarding.officer@staned.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding.officer@staned.org.uk).

You can also contact the Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Service (SCSS) by telephoning 0141 332 7177 or by email at [contact@scsafeguarding.org.uk](mailto:contact@scsafeguarding.org.uk)