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“BEST PRACTICE IN SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS IN OUR PARISH”.

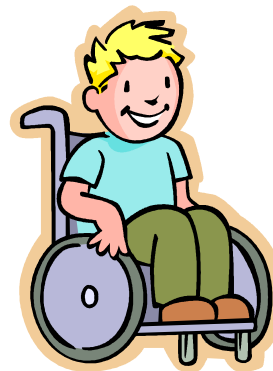


What is the Child Care Committee?

The Diocese of Down & Connor requires each parish to establish a Child Care Committee. Child Protection Policy & Procedures operate throughout the diocese and apply at both diocesan and parish level

The Child Care Committee at parish level consists of a group of volunteers who have received training in 3 areas:

- Understanding issues around child protection and diocesan policy and procedures
- Church teaching on ministry to children and dissemination of policy and procedures in local parishes
- Selection of and support for volunteers and paid staff whose role and responsibility bring them into direct contact with children, young people (under 18 years) and vulnerable adults in the parish.



The role & function of the Child Care Committee;

- To audit those groups within the parish working with children & vulnerable adults who may be required to comply with Down & Connor child protection policy & procedures.
- To provide the Child Protection Policy to those groups identified
- To encourage and support new volunteers who require to undergo the vetting and training procedure.
- To advise and update all organisations on their responsibilities.
- To ensure all requirements of the Child Protection Policy are met.

Current Members of the Child Care Committee

Fr. Sean Emerson
Deirdre Allen (Chair)
Monica Hart
Rosemary Maguire
Bernadette Mann
Michelle Marley
Claire McCallum
Elizabeth Wilson
Gerry Wilson



The Role of the Parishioner

If you have any
Concerns you can
Talk to:

- Social Services
- PSNI 08456008000
- Diocesan Officer
Barbara McDermott
028 90492783
- A member of the child
care committee via the
Parochial house
02894428016

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For the Child Care Committee to be effective it requires the support of all parishioners.

You can help by sharing any concerns/queries/ suggestions with Child Care Committee, and engaging fully with the Child Protection Procedures.

As a parish community we are all responsible for making sure children & vulnerable adults



are free from harm.



The Child Care Committee will not be involved in investigating any allegations or disclosures of abuse against children or Vulnerable adults. This is the Role of the statutory authorities via the PSNI and social services.

The Child Care Committee will act as a point of contact:

- For staff (paid or voluntary) when allegations/ suspicions/complaints have arisen
- For parishioners who may have a complaint or suspicion about child abuse in relation to parish activities.