

**12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 holiday arrangements for the Down and Connor Safeguarding & Northern Diocese Vetting Office 2020, including emergency contact information.**

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**The Safeguarding and Vetting Office will close on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and reopen on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July.**

**The Safeguarding Office number: 028 90492798, the email address: [office@soddc.org](mailto:office@soddc.org) and the Duty Mobile number: 075 3499 2124 will not be manned during this time.**

**The Vetting Office number: 028 9049 2798 and the vetting email address: [vetting@soddc.org](mailto:vetting@soddc.org) will not be manned during this time.**

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If you are concerned about the welfare of a child/young person or adult within the Diocese of Down and Connor, please contact the following:

If an urgent matter, contact the police service by ringing **999** in an emergency.

If not an emergency, contact the police service on **101** or the local social services office.

**To contact your local social services office about concerns in relation to children and young people, please contact your local Children's Social Services Gateway Team. Details are as follows:**

**During normal working hours (Mon-Fri: 9.00am-5.00pm)**

Belfast HSC Trust           Tel: 028 9050 7000;

South Eastern HSC Trust Tel: 0300 1000 300;

Northern HSC Trust       Tel: 0300 1234 333;

Southern HSC Trust       Tel: 0800 7837 745 / Freephone: 028 3741 5285;

**Outside normal working hours (Friday 5.00pm – Monday 9.00am, including Bank holidays):**

Regional Emergency Social Work Service

Tel: 028 9504 9999

Email: [resws1@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:resws1@belfasttrust.hscni.net)

**If you are concerned about the welfare of an Adult within the Diocese of Down and Connor, please contact your local Adult Safeguarding Social Services Gateway Team. Details are as follows:**



**During normal working hours (Mon-Fri: 9.00am-5.00pm)**

Belfast HSC Trust           Tel: 028 95041744;

South Eastern HSC Trust Tel: 028 92501227;

Northern HSC Trust       Tel: 028 94413659;

Southern HSC Trust       Tel: 028 37564423.

**Outside normal working hours (Friday 5.00pm – Monday 9.00am, including Bank Holidays):**

Regional Emergency Social Work Service

Tel: 028 9504 9999

Email: [resws1@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:resws1@belfasttrust.hscni.net)

**Other Key Contacts and Services of Support**

**Towards Healing**

- If you have experienced Institutional/Clerical/Religious abuse and need Counselling/Support, please contact Towards Healing. Towards Healing is a free, confidential helpline and counselling referral service, which is a Catholic Church response to abuse by clergy and religious.

Freephone from Northern Ireland; from the Republic of Ireland 1800 303416; and Britain 0800 0963315.

Monday – Thursday: 11am – 8pm   Friday 11am – 6pm.

Website: [www.towardshealing.ie/](http://www.towardshealing.ie/)

**Towards Peace**

- If you have experienced abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland and need Counselling/Support, please contact Towards Peace

Towards Peace offers Spiritual support for survivors of abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland

Mrs Una Allen, Director

Mrs Colleen Brown, Administration and Development Coordinator

Tel: + 353 (0) 1 5053028

Mobile: + 353 (0) 86 7710533

Monday – Thursday: 10am – 5pm

Email: [towardspeace@iecon.ie](mailto:towardspeace@iecon.ie)

Website: [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie)

