

Statement from the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd  
5<sup>th</sup> April 2017

We welcome the publication of the Report following the review of child safeguarding practice in our Congregation, undertaken by the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (NBSCCCI), published today.

We commend the reviewer and the staff of the National Board for their work and we will continue to work with them in doing everything possible to ensure the safety of children into the future.

The report highlights the fact that we have very sound safeguarding policies and practices in place. The report has made four recommendations on how we can further improve our systems and we are in the process of implementing these.

Note: We would also encourage anyone who has suffered abuse to contact:

1. **Towards Healing** (counselling and support service). Click to visit the website: [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

Freephone (Republic of Ireland) 1800 303416  
Freephone 0800 0963315 (Northern Ireland and UK)  
Hearing impaired Text Line Number: +353 85 8022859

The Towards Healing Helpline is open:  
Monday to Thursday: 11am to 8pm  
Friday: 11am to 6pm.

2. **Towards Peace** (spiritual support for survivors of abuse by Church personnel in Ireland). Click to visit the website: [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie)  
Phone: + 353 (0) 1 5053028  
Mobile: + 353 (0) 86 7710533  
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