

To keep children safe, agreed policies, procedures and plans have to be implemented. Checks are needed both at diocesan and parish level to ensure this is happening consistently.

The views of those involved inside and outside of Church organisations can help to improve the effectiveness of any measures taken.

It will be the responsibility of the Safeguarding Committee and of the Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator to ensure that the policy and procedures as set out in the latest edition of *'Kildare & Leighlin Diocese: Safeguarding Children Policy & Procedures'* are implemented.

They will ensure that all parishes have a written plan showing –

- what steps will be taken to keep children safe,
- who is responsible for implementing these measures
- when these will be completed.

They will also ensure within the diocese that that all incidents, allegations or suspicions of abuse are, dealt with appropriately, recorded, and stored securely.

National Audits

Our diocese will co-operate fully with the planned audits by the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church (NBSCCC).