**Civil Authorities**

**The Gardai**

If you are experiencing abuse which is placing you or someone you know in immediate danger, you should contact the Gardai at 999 / 112.

If a person is being mistreated but is not in immediate danger you can report this to your local Garda station.

Anyone with information regarding a crime can ring the Garda Confidential Telephone Number 1800 666 111. The Garda Confidential line allows the public to call with confidential information relating to matters of abuse, crime or other activities

**Tusla**

Tusla, the Child and Family Agency was established on the 1st January 2014 and is the dedicated State agency responsible for improving wellbeing and outcomes for children. Tusla is charged with supporting and promoting the development, welfare and protection of children, and the effective functioning of families.

If you have a child safeguarding concern or wish to raise a matter from the past, you may contact**:**

Tusla Child & Family Agency

Kilkenny & Carlow area - 052 617 7302

Laois & Offaly area - 044 935 3997

Kildare & West Wicklow - 045 839 300

**HSE**

The HSE provides health and social services to everyone living in Ireland. Their services are delivered to young and old, in hospitals, health facilities and in communities across the country.

If an adult is a victim of Abuse, is concerned about abuse, or if you suspect some adult you know may be a victim of abuse, you should contact the HSE safeguarding service, through your GP, Public Health Nurse, local Health Centre or any of the local Safeguarding and Protection Teams or An Garda Siochana.

HSE Safeguarding and Protection Teams are in place all over the country to provide help. Contact your local Safeguarding and Protection Team by choosing your [HSE Community Healthcare Organisation (CHO](https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/communications/chohg/cho-map.jpg)) Area below.

**HSE Safeguarding and Protection teams:**

Carlow, Kilkenny: Tel:   056 778 4325 Email: [safeguarding.cho5@hse.ie](mailto:safeguarding.cho5@hse.ie)

Wicklow: Tel: 01 216 4511 Email: [safeguarding.cho6@hse.ie](mailto:safeguarding.cho6@hse.ie)

Kildare, Wicklow:  Tel: 045 920410 Email: [safeguarding.cho7@hse.ie](mailto:safeguarding.cho7@hse.ie)

Laois, Offaly: Tel: 01 6914632 Email: [safeguarding.cho8@hse.ie](mailto:safeguarding.cho8@hse.ie)