

## **Review of RSHM Safeguarding Practice in Ireland, 2015**

The National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (NBSCCCI), recently reviewed the Safeguarding Practices of 8 Male and 35 female Religious Congregations. Although we no longer have extensive ministry with children in Ireland and have not received allegations of abuse against any of our sisters, we invited the NBSCCCI to include our Congregation in their review, as we wanted to ensure that our policy and procedures were up to date. Please find below their Report in our regard.

As a Congregation we wholeheartedly support the work of the NBSCCCI and welcome their report, including its three Recommendations. We immediately implemented the first two Recommendations, obtaining and disseminating to the relevant sisters the statutory Child Protection information for Northern Ireland and re-circulating our 2010 Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures to all community houses in Ireland, North and South. We will implement the third recommendation when NBSCCCI training for Designated Person is next available.

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The NBSCCCI recommend that anyone who has suffered abuse should seek help from the following Support Groups:

**Towards Healing** - Click to visit the website: [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)  
Free phone 1800303416 (Republic of Ireland) Free phone 0800 0963315 (Northern Ireland)

**Towards Peace** - Click to visit the website: [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie)  
Phone: + 353 (0) 1 5053028 Mobile: + 353 (0) 86 7710533 Email: [towardspeace@iecon.ie](mailto:towardspeace@iecon.ie)

**One-In-Four** - Click to visit the website [www.oneinfour.ie/contact](http://www.oneinfour.ie/contact)  
Phone: on 01 6624070, Monday – Friday 9.30 to 5.30pm or Email: [info@oneinfour.ie](mailto:info@oneinfour.ie)