

Child and adult protection in the Catholic Church in Scotland

**Request to abuse survivors for help with an independent review of**

(1) Diocese of Galloway, 19-20-21 February 2019

(2) Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, 26-27-28 March 2019

The Social Care Institute for Excellence / Children in Scotland (SCIE/CiS) are **conducting an external, independent review of two diocese of the Catholic Church in Scotland.**

### **The focus**

The independent team want to hear from people with first-hand experience of how people in diocesan roles have responded, or failed to respond to disclosures of abuse or sharing of concerns.

They want to understand what is working well and what has gone wrong in the past.

They are looking at the responses of people in diocesan roles to knowledge of abuse by clergy or risks posed by clergy and others in Church-related roles, paid or voluntary.

At this stage, we are only focusing on responses by people in the Diocese of Galloway and the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh.

### **An independent, confidential process**

The Archdiocese will have no role in this except to help to publicise that the audit is taking place and that the external team want to hear from abuse survivors.

We recommend that you speak to SCIE and CiS staff directly.

Nobody at any level in the Church will be told that you are taking part.

What you tell SCIE/CiS will be confidential and will not be shared with the diocese except as part of an overall report which will absolutely not identify you.

SCIE/CiS expect the diocese to publish the report. Copies of the report will be made available to survivors.

### **Contact details**

If you feel able to contribute, please contact SCIE directly:

By email on [learningtogether@scie.org.uk](mailto:learningtogether@scie.org.uk)

By phone on 0207 7667416

SCIE will then get in touch to arrange a time at your convenience to meet with the auditors.

### **Thank you**

Taking part is likely to have an emotional cost for you. Please draw on all the support you need. SCIE/CiS and the Archdiocese thank you sincerely in advance for your help. We are anxious to ensure that lessons are learnt and injustices of the past are put right and not repeated in the future.

We would again emphasise that this is an external independent audit. If you have any questions about the review or taking part, please get in touch, using the contact details above.