



PROCEDURE FOR ADDRESSING CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES WITH FOREIGN RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

1. Foreign Communities such as Polish, Italian, and Ukranian communities may operate across Diocesan boundaries.
2. It is essential to ensure that wherever they are operating within a Parish, the Bishop should be aware of their presence and inform them at their introductory interview of the requirement to follow Diocesan Child Protection Policies. The fact that this has been done should be recorded in writing and a copy passed to the CPC.
3. Where allegations or concerns are expressed in relation to a member of a Foreign Religious Community, the CPC or if necessary the Bishop should liaise closely with the alleged offender's Superior, who may well be based outside England & Wales.
4. Referral to the Statutory Authorities in the usual way would remain a requirement in cases where a criminal act is alleged.