

STANDARD 2

PROCEDURES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD PROTECTION SUSPICIONS, CONCERNS, KNOWLEDGE OR ALLEGATIONS GUIDANCE FOR INDICATOR 2.1

2.1E Guidance on Responding to Someone (Lay or Religious) who Admits to Abusing a Child

It is necessary to tell a person who admits an offence against a child or young person that such information cannot be kept confidential. If such an admission is made to you, even where the admission relates to something that happened a long time ago, **you must refer** the matter to the DLP as soon as possible.

The DLP will follow the procedures for referral to Tusla/HSCT, and An Garda Síochána/PSNI.

For additional information and guidance on how to interact with respondents (cleric and religious), please refer to Standard 4.