

Disclosure Received

Disclosures may be received by telephone, mail or email:

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The Professional Standards Office will determine whether the alleged conduct is abuse as defined in the Towards Healing protocol. If not, the disclosure is referred to the relevant Church Authority to manage.

Disclosure Report

- An independent report writer is appointed
- The person who suffered abuse is interviewed
- A report is prepared
- The Towards Healing process is commenced

The disclosure is put to the accused person (if available) and a response sought.

If the Church Authority is satisfied that the disclosure is valid then it may elect to proceed to facilitation.

If there is a significant dispute or uncertainty about the facts the disclosure must be investigated.

Assessment

- Independent investigators are appointed
- An investigation is conducted
- A report with findings is prepared

Review

A review is available to the person who suffered the abuse, the accused and Church Authority if the process was not properly followed or the findings of the investigation are flawed. Generally, a request for review must be submitted within 3 months of the process ending.

Facilitation

- An independent Facilitator is appointed
- A meeting between parties may be held
- Agreed outcomes are reached