

Inappropriate behaviour by children, young people or vulnerable adults towards adults

Children, young people and vulnerable adults can sometimes make suggestive approaches to an adult.

They may have a crush or may act inappropriately following previous abusive experiences. Such behaviour may be a “cry for help”. Young Adults may be more susceptible to this approach, so it is important that they know how they might respond to such advancements.

If an adult feels uncomfortable about a person’s behaviour he or she must:

- Make it clear to the child, young person or vulnerable adult, with sensitivity, that their language or behaviour is inappropriate.
- Tell another adult – a clergy colleague, the parish priest or the Parish Safeguarding Representative. Agree with the colleague what measures should be taken to prevent a recurrence.
- Record the incident in case accusations are made in the future. Sign and date the record and hand it to the Parish Safeguarding Representative.

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