

**THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF GRAFTON
DIOCESAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

SUBJECT: HANDLING SUSPECTED MISCONDUCT		PROCEDURE REFERENCE NUMBER GEN-007
DATE APPROVED 21 February 2019		REVISION NUMBER Original
POLICY IMPLEMENTATION DATE 25 February 2019	REVIEW DATE AND FREQUENCY 3 Yearly	RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEW Bishop-in-Council

1.0 PURPOSE

This procedure is to guide users to the most appropriate ordinance, procedure or process in circumstances where misconduct is suspected.

2.0 SCOPE

2.1 Applicability

This procedure can be used where misconduct is suspected and that misconduct relates to a parish, Diocesan Registry, Anglican Funds Grafton Diocese, Archives, or in the operation of any other minister or ministry authorised and licensed by the Bishop of Grafton.

Any ordinance, procedure or process to which this procedure directs should be checked for applicability to the circumstances.

2.2 Exclusions

This procedure does not apply to the scope of operation of each of the bodies corporate of the Diocese of Grafton (i.e. Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School, Emmanuel Anglican College, Clarence Valley Anglican School, Bishop Druitt College, St Columba Anglican School, St Columba Anglican School Foundation, Anglicare North Coast, Lismore Parish Pre-School, St Cuthbert's Retirement Living Complexes).

Grievances that do not relate to a workplace, church location or authorised activity of the Diocese are excluded from the operation of this procedure except to the extent that a grievance involves a person or persons licensed by the Diocese.

3.0 POLICY

3.1 Use of the Flowchart

Commencing at the top of the first page of the flowchart in Attachment A, follow the path of the flowchart in accordance with the answers to the questions in the flowchart relevant to the matter under consideration.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

Users of this procedure should refer to the definitions contained in the ordinance, procedure or that is specific for the process directed to by this procedure.

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5.0 REFERENCES

GEN-004 Prevention of Bullying and Harassment

GEN-005 Grievances

Clergy Discipline Ordinance 1966

Professional Standards Ordinance 2004

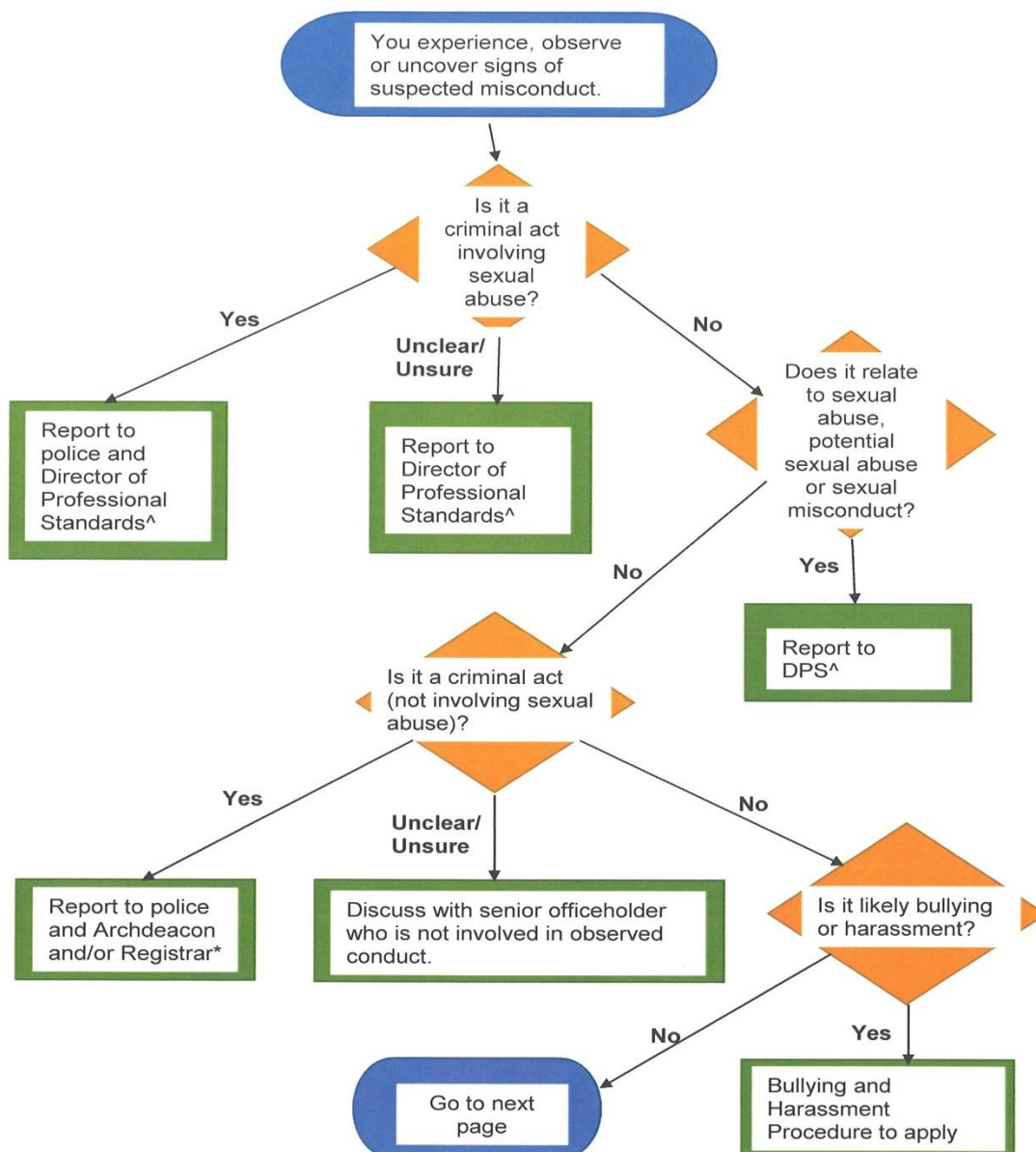
Factsheet: New legislation to strengthen child sexual abuse laws (June 2018)
<https://www.justice.nsw.gov.au/Documents/Media%20Releases/2018/new-legislation-to-strengthen-child-abuse-laws-details.pdf>

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ATTACHMENT A

FLOWCHART FOR HANDLING ISSUES OF SUSPECTED MISCONDUCT



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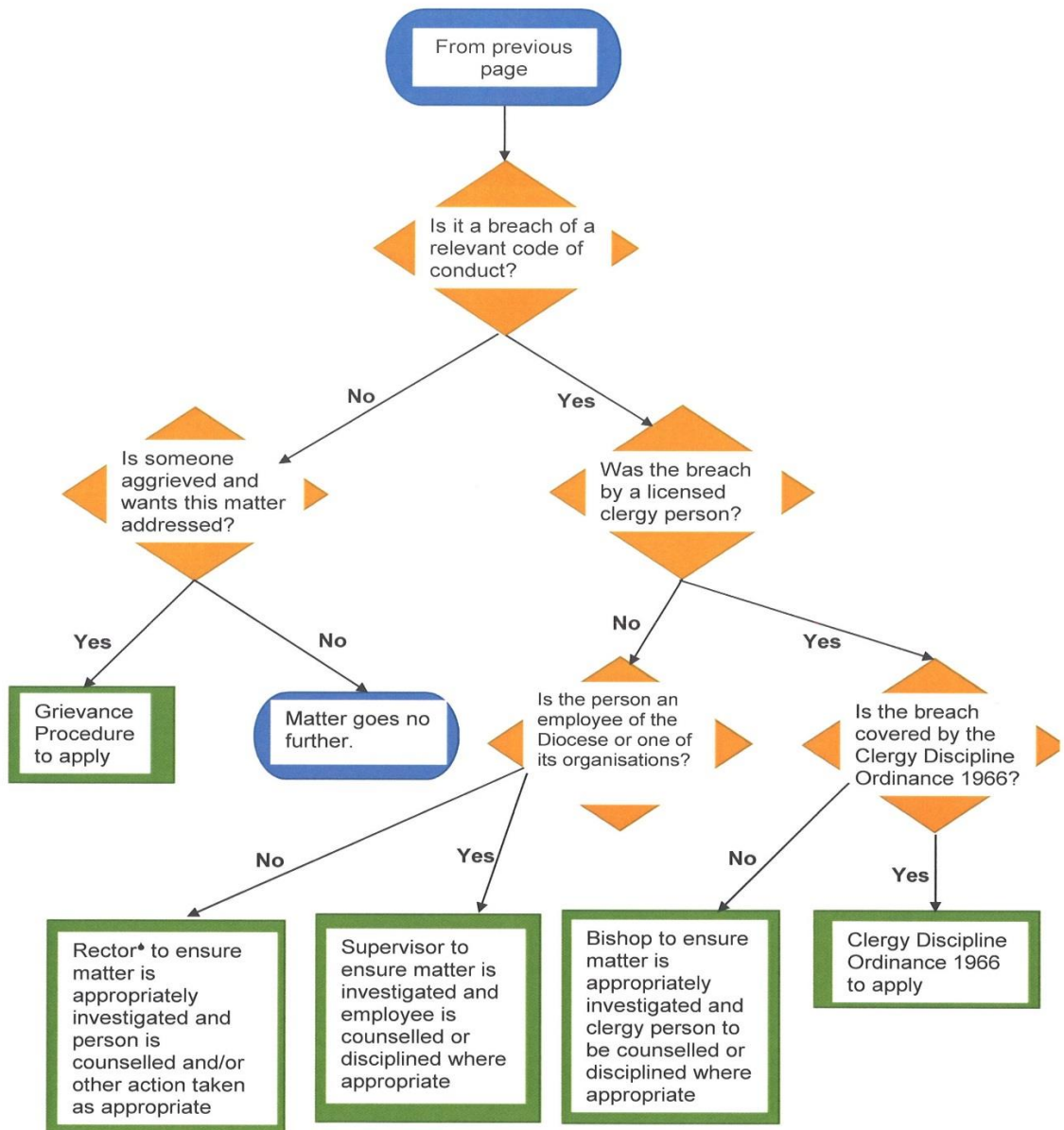
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