

CONFIDENTIAL**Diocesan Committee for Allegations of Sexual Misconduct**

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Information received from the Revd. Lu Piper regarding the Revd. Peter Rushton.

Phone contact from Revd. Lu Piper who yesterday while acting in a pastoral capacity as a funeral visit was advised of allegations of child sexual assault made against the Revd. Peter Rushton. Names were given of alleged victims, who were minors at that time. The offences were alleged to have occurred whilst the Revd. Peter Rushton was at Wallsend Parish. I explained that unless a victim came forward it was impossible to proceed, however would look in CASM records to ensure no other recent complaints had been lodged. I visited the Diocesan Office on Monday 10th February. I advised the Revd. Lu Piper that there were no recent relevant complaints concerning the Revd. Peter Rushton. With regard to a complaint made by a family relating to a pre-funeral visit by the Revd. Peter Rushton organised by James Murray funeral directors I suggested Revd. Piper contact Fr. Bruce Hoare as the Archdeacon of Lake Macquarie was on leave and Fr. Bruce would be familiar with licensing of the Revd. Peter Rushton with regard to pastoral matters. I suggested that if the Revd. Lu Piper contacted the informant she should advise her that it would be useful if the alleged victims themselves were prepared to lodge a complaint.

**JEAN SANDERS
CHAIR-CASM**