



DR BRIAN FARRAN
Bishop of Newcastle

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The Reverend Bruce Hoare

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**COPY FOR YOUR
INFORMATION**

Dear Father Bruce

I write to inform you that there has been a complaint made against you alleging inappropriate behaviour involving a child. This allegation may form part of a Police investigation and therefore it is not appropriate for me at this stage to provide you with any further detail about the allegation.

The allegation is of a serious nature and I am therefore upon the advice of the Director of Professional Standards suspending your licence whilst this matter is investigated.

Whilst you are suspended the Diocese will undertake the payment of your stipend and other emoluments up until the 24th November 2009 at which time your previously submitted resignation will take effect. I remind you that you will be required to vacate the Branxton Rectory by the 24th November 2009 as part of your resignation.

It will be very important for you to nominate a support person to assist you throughout this period. If you wish, I can appoint a support person for you.

Should you feel you require any counseling or other support then please contact me to make these provisions for you.

The Director of Professional standards will keep you informed of progress in this matter.

I am deeply saddened to have to write to you in these terms.

Grace and peace,

Dr Brian Farran
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