

## Form 2A: Disclosure Report

In this Form there are questions about your experience of abuse. You are asked to write about when and where the abuse took place and describe the person or people who abused you.

Before you make a start you may want to think about who could give you some support if you would like it.

Please ensure you give detail so your answers show the type and extent of the abuse that happened to you and provide any information you feel would assist with investigating your complaint. Remember there are no wrong answers and, know we are not looking at spelling or grammar.

### What will be shared?

#### Information which Pathways may share with authorities

In certain circumstances, Pathways may be required to disclose your report of abuse to Victoria Police and/or obtain clearance from the police prior to commencing its own investigations into the matters disclosed.

Pathways may also be required to make a report to Commissioner of Children and Young People if the information you have provided discloses a 'reportable allegation' that is required to be notified.

#### Information Pathways may share to investigate the disclosure

Your answers in Form 2 will be shared with the participating church authority (or authorities) they are relevant to. The relevant church authority may be a diocese or other entity associated with a church organisation or body (e.g. church, school or agency).

This exchange of information is necessary to investigate your complaint.

The relevant participating church authority will use this information to look for records they may have about you, or which might relate to the abuse and/or the person or people who abused you.

We understand some church authorities may not have records. Please do not be concerned, this will not stop your complaint from being assessed. If these questions raise any issues for you, please seek support from a person or service you trust.

If the person you have identified in the disclosure report as your abuser is alive, and Pathways is able to conduct an investigation into your disclosure (e.g. once any police investigation has concluded), the Pathways Complaints Committee may share the disclosure report with an external investigator who is appointed to provide an impartial and independent review of the facts and circumstances disclosed.

Pathways must offer that person procedural fairness. That means that person must have the opportunity to know what has been said about them and to contest the action. Pathways will not share the Disclosure Report with that person. Instead, a separate document will be prepared by Pathways summarising the specific allegations that person will need to respond to.

### Information Pathways will share in other stages of the Pathways process

If you are eligible to engage in the Step 3: Resolution process, the Disclosure Report will assist the parties involved in that process to evaluate your entitlement to the elements of redress (for example an independent medical expert, mediator or professional representative of a participating church authority).

We will separately seek your permission to share the Disclosure Report at the commencement of the Step 3 process.

#### Privacy and Collection Statement

Pathways Response Victoria Ltd (ACN 654 682 481)(**Pathways**) is collecting your personal information in order to investigate your disclosure of abuse by a person who is a member of church personnel in relation to a participating church authority and to provide you with support and care co-ordination services.

Pathways will not be able to investigate your disclosure or provide you with services if it is not able to collect this information.

Pathways is likely to collect personal information from third parties for this purpose e.g. medical providers.

As noted above, Pathways may disclose your personal information to its associated entities and third-party service providers for purposes such as investigating the abuse detailed in your disclosure, e.g. appointing an independent investigator.

Our privacy policy (available at [www.pathwaysvictoria.com/resources](http://www.pathwaysvictoria.com/resources)) states how you can seek to access or correct any personal information Pathways holds about you, how to complain about a privacy breach by Pathways and how Pathways will deal with a privacy complaint.

You can contact our Privacy Officer at [info@pathwaysvictoria.com](mailto:info@pathwaysvictoria.com) or 03 7064 3940

**Help to answer questions in Form 2A:**

In Form 2A you need to answer questions about when and where the abuse took place and tell us about the person or people who abused you. Please write as much as you are able. It is okay if you don't have an answer. Write what you can and move onto the next question.

If you experienced abuse by more than one person it is important to give us as much information as possible so that each complaint can be considered and all relevant church authorities can be identified.

The table below is included to help you identify the persons, bodies, organisations or persons you need to write about. It may also help you work out what pages you need to copy if you need to write about more than one experience. It is okay if you don't know all the details.

You do not have to complete this table.

Name of person, church organisation or body (eg church, school, agency)	Location	Your approximate age or the date(s)

**What comes next?**

The next questions seek information about you to enable searches to be undertaken for relevant records. The questions also ask if the abuse has been reported to police and whether you have engaged with any processes in relation to the abuse.

### Information about you

This information will assist the relevant church authority to search for and identify any relevant records.

1. Please provide your name, address and date of birth:

Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Have you been known by any other name which might have been used by the church to keep records about you? Please write any ways you may have been known:

First Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Last Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Nicknames: Click or tap here to enter text.

### Information about your disclosure

This information will enable Pathways to determine the nature of the investigation which it is required to undertake or whether it is appropriate to defer making its own investigations pending the conclusion of any active police investigation.

3. Has the abuse you will be disclosing been reported to Victoria Police or a police force in another State?

- Yes. Please write the details.  
*For Example: I made a report to Sgt Smith at the South Melbourne Police Station in March 2021.*


- No (Go to question 5)
- Not sure

4. If yes to Question 3, has the police investigation into the abuse concluded?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Please share any relevant details about the status or outcome. You can attach materials such as police reports or statements at the end of this form.


Your engagement with any other processes

5. Has the abuse you will be disclosing previously been made known to any of the following?  
Please tick any boxes that apply

- National Redress Scheme
- Melbourne Response/Toward Healing
- None of the above
- A Church Authority
- Not sure

6. Has the abuse you will be disclosing previously been considered in any legal process, such as:

Please tick any boxes that apply

- Victims of Crime
- Civil claim against the relevant church authority
- None of the above
- Not sure

What comes next?

The next questions are about the dates and details of when the abuse occurred.

## When did the abuse happen?

### 7. How old were you when the abuse happened?

If you are unsure, or if the abuse happened over more than one year, please write your age range. For example: 9-12 years old.

Click or tap here to enter text.

### 8. When did the abuse occur?

This might be the dates or years the abuse took place. Approximate dates are fine if that is what you know.

Click or tap here to enter text.

### 9. Did the abuse at happen more than once?

Yes

No

### 10. Over what period did the abuse happen?

Please only tick one box.

Less than 12 months

More than 12 months but less than 2 years

More than 2 years but less than 3 years

More than 3 years but less than 4 years

More than 4 years but less than 5 years

More than 5 years

## What comes next?

The next questions ask you about the person who abused you.

Who is the disclosure about?

**11. Do you know the name of the person who abused you?**

Please write what you can to help identify them.

First Name [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Last Name [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Other names (nicknames or aliases) [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**12. Is there anything else you know or remember that might identify that person?**

*For example: a physical description, a car they drove, an accent, their address or workplace.*


**13. How did they come into contact with you?**

Please write a short description.


**14. Was the person under 18 years of age at the time they abused you?**

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

**15. Do you know if they had an official role within the Catholic Church?**

*Some examples are a member of clergy (eg bishops, religious, priests, deacons), nun, chaplain, a member of a religious institute, a lay pastoral minister, a seminarian or ordinand or a person performing duties as a Church employee, office holder or volunteer .*

Yes. Please write their role as you remember it:

No

Not sure

**16. Do you know if that role was or is in connection to a particular area, parish, body or organisation?**

*For example: a particular suburb, school, church, diocese, agency, club etc.*

Yes. Please write a short description

*For example: the location, name known to you or the name it is or was known by in the community:*


No

Not sure

**What comes next?**

The next question asks you about your experience of abuse.

**24/7 support**

If you need immediate help to manage the emotional impact of applying for redress, 24-hour telephone assistance is available through:

beyondblue: 1300 224 636

MensLine Australia: 1300 789 978

Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467







**Additional factors**

The questions so far asked about the person or people who abused you and their relationship with the Catholic Church. This question is about any other institutions you understand may have had responsibility for you at the time of the abuse. Do not worry if none of these apply to you.

**20. At the time of the abuse were you:**

When the abuse happened, were you:

- A state ward
- Under the guardianship of a government agency or Minister
- None of these apply to me

**21. At the time of the abuse did you live in any of the following places?**

- Orphanage/Children’s Home
- Out of home care
- Youth detention or training centre
- Other institution.  
*Some examples might include boarding school, mission, disability housing or a residential institution run by a charity.*
- None of these apply to me

If you did live in one of the places, please write the name and location of the institution if you are able or a short description of the details you recall


**22. At the time of the abuse, did you have a disability?**

- Yes.
- No
- Not sure

