

1.1.7 Allegations spanning more than one diocese

The general practice is that the diocese where the allegation arises should take the lead. However, it may be the case that this diocese holds none of the relevant information about the case, in which case there is logic in it being the diocese where most of the information resides which takes the lead. The matter may also need to involve the diocese(s) where the complainant and respondent now live. In these cases, there needs to be discussion as to who should take the lead, and who will undertake which particular functions. The rationale for this must always be recorded, and the complainant and respondent made aware of who is involved and why.

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