

1.1.8,1.1.9 Statutory referrals

Safeguarding officers should keep their knowledge regarding thresholds for referrals to statutory services up to date. Thresholds for social care referrals are published by individual local authorities, as part of their local safeguarding procedures for children, young people and vulnerable adults. Where a safeguarding officer is unsure if a referral should be made, they should seek advice from the relevant statutory service. There will also be cases where referrals need to be made to the LADO.

For guidance on making referrals to the DBS for barring, see Section 9 of the [Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance](#)[↗]. Referrals to the DBS should not only be considered towards the end of a safeguarding process, but at key points during the process and specifically when a member of clergy or ordinand is suspended or temporarily withdrawn from regulated activity.

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