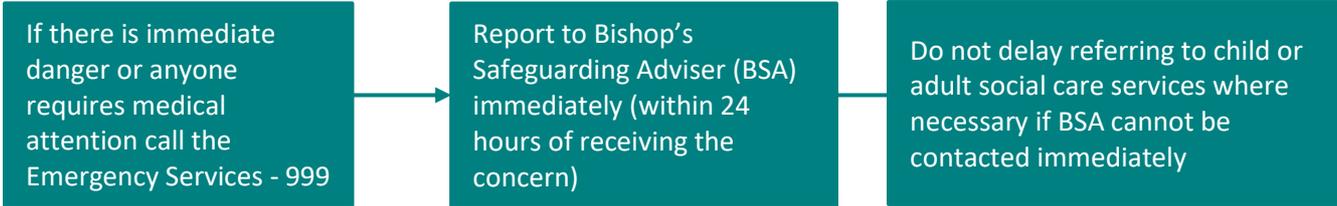
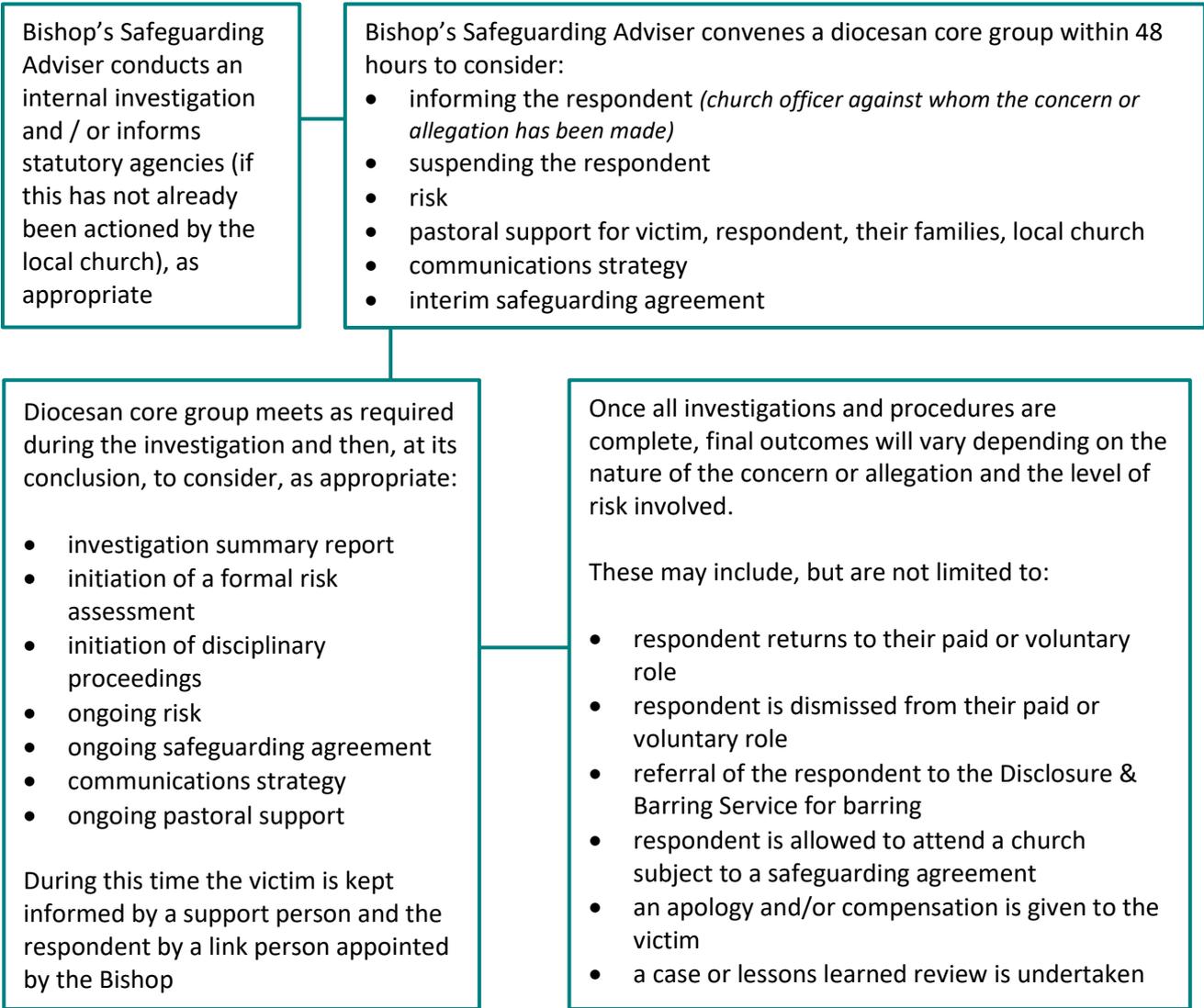


# When a safeguarding concern or allegation relating to a church officer<sup>1</sup> is received<sup>2</sup>



The concern or allegation will be managed by the Bishop's Safeguarding Adviser. The parish role is to follow the advice of statutory agencies and the diocesan core group. Below is an outline of the procedure that may be followed.



<sup>1</sup> A church officer is anyone appointed or elected to a role on behalf of the church, whether lay or ordained, paid or unpaid

<sup>2</sup> Full details of how the Church responds to safeguarding concerns are outline in The Church of England's Practice Guidance: Responding to, assessing and managing safeguarding concerns or allegations against church officers available at [www.churchofengland.org/more/safeguarding](http://www.churchofengland.org/more/safeguarding)