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Dear all -

The Diocese have agreed they will pay for 12 sessions of counselling for any person who is actually a victim of Rideout or Coles. The Diocese have this arrangement in hand with the Life Centre, Survivors and Hastings and Rother counselling service.

The Diocese reserve the right not to pay for victims of abuse within a church setting for victims of abuse where Coles and Rideout were not the suspects - this links in with the NSPCC helpline where we have had people disclosing abuse by other vicars. Should we receive more of these type of calls then the route will be for the victim to be spoken to by a member of our team and once it is established that the matter falls outside the scope of Op Perry, then the matter will be referred to the local police station for investigation. It will then be a matter for the local investigating officer to determine what services are offered to the victim.

For those actual victims of Coles and Rideout within our enquiry, please signpost the availability of counselling services to our victims, and inform them that the initial costs of that counselling will be met by the Diocese. Please inform all victims that should they take up on this offer then any counselling notes generated in respect of the abuse will need to be made available as the matter is still under criminal investigation. Please inform the victims that this is standard practice and it should not dissuade any who feel they need it, to seek counselling.

Please also inform all victims that they should quote Operation Perry to the counselling service so that the service knows where to send the bill.