

Report of the “Reports Reception and Monitoring Team” for the year 2023

In this report, the Reports Reception and Monitoring Team gives an account of its activities for the period from the end of November 2022 to 31 December 2023.

2023 was an important year for the operation of [the newly composed team](#), since from the Spring onwards, the team worked without the presence of the brothers.

In May 2023, the team received a mandate from the *Association de l’Accueil à Taizé* to make reports to the public authorities when it is required by law, a mandate approved by the prior of the community.

Over this period, the team analysed the 54 situations which were submitted to it.

A total of 2 brothers and 3 former brothers were accused of acts of a sexual nature.

In the case of the two brothers, the team sent a report to the public prosecutor. One of the brothers had already been implicated before. The two brothers have been distanced from Taizé, one since 2022 and the other since 2023. Neither of them has any pastoral function in the places where they live.

A former brother was accused of sexual violence by a victim who has lodged a complaint with the *gendarmerie*.

One referral came from a woman who was the victim of a situation of control and abuse by a former brother, from 1997 to 2003. The contact with the team was positive for her and she did not wish to pursue the matter through the criminal justice system, nor refer the case to the “Recognition and Reparation Commission” in Paris.

One referral was an anonymous testimony concerning a former brother who has already been implicated in a criminal case. The testimony was passed on to the public prosecutor.

Four other referrals concerned three brothers, and had no sexual connotation. They concerned relational difficulties with volunteers, misunderstandings during a listening session, or visits made too frequently to a private home. A resolution was found in each of the four cases.

Three referrals concerned three sisters and also had no sexual connotations. One concerned difficulties in accompaniment, another was to do with an incident within the group of female volunteers, and lastly a misunderstanding about the length of stay of a young female volunteer. The people concerned were listened to and their difficulties were taken into account.

The other cases referred to the team concerned situations of young people among themselves, with group leaders, volunteers, or adults (whether participants in the meeting or not), and also people who, during their stay in Taizé, confided that they had been victims of violence elsewhere than in Taizé, sometimes in their families.

In three cases in which the victims were minors or vulnerable, the team reported the matter to the authorities, in accordance with the law.

The team emphasises the absolute need for all those involved in welcoming people to Taizé to continue the commitment to safeguarding.

The team would also like to draw attention to the fact that, of all the situations of control, violence or sexual assault, 90% are suffered by women and 10% by men.

All the numbers above justify continuing our vigilance for safeguarding questions.

N.B. This corrected version published online on Wednesday 6 March with the addition of a paragraph at the bottom of the first page.