



Child Safeguarding Statement

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1. Name of service being provided: Clonmany Youth and Community Resource Centre

2. Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm:

(brief outline of what our service is, what we do and our commitment to safeguard children)

Clonmany Youth & Community Resource Centre is a youth & community centre based in Clonmany, Inishowen, County Donegal.

Our services to children and young people include:

- ECCE places and junior pre-school services for 3 to 5 years children in our community playgroup
- Breakfast Club, Afterschool Sessions & Youth Club activities to children from junior infants up to 18 years of age.
- Family Support including Meitheal referrals under Tusla's Prevention, Partnership and Family Support service (PPFS)
- Education, training and personal development programmes for young people within our teenage drop-in facility.

Our Commitment to Safeguard Children from harm

- The safety and welfare of children is everyone's responsibility.
- We are committed to safeguarding the children and young people in our care and to providing a safe environment in which they can play, learn, develop and be supported.
- The best interests of the children attending our service is paramount. We are committed to child-centred practice in all our work with children.
- Taking account of their age and understanding, children should be consulted and involved in all matters and decisions that may affect them.
- We are committed to upholding the rights of every child and young person who attends our service, including the rights to be kept safe and protected from harm, listened to, heard and taken seriously.
- We are committed to ensure that no child or young person is disadvantaged or treated differently because of gender, social or ethnic background, family status, sexual orientation, religion or disability.

3. Risk Assessment

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services including the area of online safety when accessing the internet.

Below is a list of the areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

	Risk Identified	Policies and/or Procedures in place to manage Risk
1	Risk of harm (<i>as defined in the Children First Act 2015</i>) of a child by a member of staff/volunteer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Doc-030 Supervision Policy – Doc-042 Safeguarding Policy - Children – Doc-036 Code of Conduct Staff/Volunteer – Doc-051 Garda Vetting Policy
2	Risk of harm (<i>as defined in the Children First Act 2015</i>) of a child by a visitor to the service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Doc-022 Dropping Off and Collection of Children – Doc-042 Safeguarding Policy - Children
3	Risk of harm (<i>as defined in the Children First Act 2015</i>) of a child on outings by a member of staff/volunteer/stranger/peer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Doc-026 Outings Policy – Doc-051 Garda Vetting Policy – Doc-030 Supervision Policy – Doc-042 Safeguarding Policy - Children – Doc-036 Code of Conduct Staff/Volunteer
4	Risk of harm (<i>as defined in the Children First Act 2015</i>) of a child through the use of unauthorized photography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Doc-027 Policy on the use of the Internet and Photographic and Recording Devices
5	Risk of harm (<i>as defined in the Children First Act 2015</i>) of a child through social media or internet use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Doc-027 Policy on the use of the Internet and Photographic and Recording Devices – Doc-034 GDPR and Data Protection Policy
6	Risk of harm (<i>as defined in the Children First Act 2015</i>) of a child by bullying by a peer or older child/ young person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Doc-019 Policy on Behaviour Management



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4. Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the *Children First Act 2015*, *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017*, and *Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice*.

In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:

- Doc-047 Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against staff/volunteers
- Doc-028 Recruitment & Selection Policy
- Doc-007 Induction & Training Policy - Staff/Volunteer
- Doc-004 Child Protection and Welfare Reporting Policy
- Doc-002 Procedure for Maintaining a list of Mandated Persons
- Doc-046 Procedure for Appointing a Relevant Person

All procedures listed are available upon request.

5. Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our service is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our services.

This Child Safeguarding Statement and associated safeguarding policies/procedures shall be reviewed **July 2023** (every two years), or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

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