



Child Safeguarding Statement

Meath LSP provides various sport and physical activity opportunities for young people and vulnerable adults through participation in clubs, programmes and events.

Our organisation is committed to safeguarding children/vulnerable adults and by working under the guidance of Sport Ireland, our staff, both volunteers and employed, working with our young people/vulnerable adults, throughout the organisation, seek to create a safe environment for young people/vulnerable adults to grow and develop.

Our written Risk Assessment document indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring, and gives the required policy, guidance or process documents required to alleviate these risks. The list of risks identified are contained in the following categories: Recruitment; LSP Delivery Practices; Complaints & Discipline; Reporting Procedures; Facilities; Communications & Social Media; General Risk of Harm; Data Protection.

The Risk Assessment was undertaken on 7th March 2018. This risk assessment will be reviewed on or before the 7th March annually or immediately following changes in legislation or direction by statutory bodies.

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, (the Children First: National Guidance and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice). In addition to our Risk Assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.

Our organisation has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteers against a child availing of our activities/services.
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities/services.
- Procedures for access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm.
- Procedure for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities.
- Procedure for maintaining a list of persons (if any) in the relevant services who are mandated persons.
- Procedure for appointing relevant person.
- Procedure for communications.

The Mandated/Relevant Person for Meath LSP is Mary Murphy, Co-ordinator.

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our organisation 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 activities.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 11th March 2020, or sooner if there has been a material change in any of the issues to which it refers.

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Date: *6 March 2018*

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For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact Mary Murphy, Co-ordinator.