

Rush Multipurpose & Youth Facility Child Safeguarding Statement

OUR PURPOSE, SERVICE AND PRINCIPLES OF SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

The aim of the RM&YF is to provide a positive focal point for the Community of Rush and surrounding areas to strive to meet the needs of the diverse local community in an inclusive way through the provision of space which supports the promotion of participation in sport, leisure, educational and recreational activities" Our Safeguarding Statement is designed to ensure up to date "best practice "in all aspects of safeguarding children in the creation and maintenance of a safe environment.

RISK ASSESSMENT

We have carried out a risk assessment of any potential for harm to a child while using the Community Centre. Below is a list of the areas of risks identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

Risk Identified	Policies and/or Procedures in place to manage Risk
Staff/Volunteers/Students	Garda vetting. Reference checking of staff. Supervision of volunteers and students.
Public	Child Safeguarding Statement on display to the public. Maglock controlled doors at reception. Group leaders sign in at reception and keep attendance list of class. CCTV in operation.
Staff training	All staff are required to complete safeguarding training and assessment.
Risk assessment Policy review	Risk assessment and policy reviews are carried out every two years. All staff are subject to Garda vetting.

PROCEDURE

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:

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

IMPLEMENTATION

We recognise that implementation is an on-going 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 service.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 15/09/2026 or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed: _____
 Chairperson Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility

Signed: _____
 DLP Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility

For queries, please contact Manager on 01 870 2934, Relevant Person under the Children First Act 2015.

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CHILD SAFEGUARDING REPORTING PROCEDURE

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If you have a safeguarding concern in this organisation, you must follow our Child Safeguarding Reporting Procedure by contacting the Designated Liaison Person.

Designated Liaison Person:

Contact Details:

Debbie Donnelly
(01) 870 2934

Deputy Designated Liaison Person:

Contact Details:

Margaret Dobinson
(01) 870 2934

TUSLA Dedicated Contact Point:

180-189 Lakeshore Drive
Airside Business Park, Swords

Phone Number:
(01) 870 8000

If applicable, our Child Safeguarding Statement is available and displayed prominently



We have the following procedures in place:

- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing of our service
- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children
- Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons
- Procedure for appointing a Relevant Person
- All Other Procedures to Mitigate Risks Outlined in our Risk Assessment

