

Corporate Body Child Safeguarding Statement

Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB (DDLETB) provides a wide range of education and training programmes, services and supports to children and young people across the DDLETB region. DDLETB is committed to safeguarding the well-being of all the children and young people with whom all DDLETB staff (teaching and non-teaching) and volunteers come into contact.

In accordance with the requirements of the Child First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection Welfare of Children 2017, Education (Welfare) Act 2000, the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 and Túsla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements, DDLETB has agreed the Corporate Body Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.

The Statement applies to all employees and volunteers who have contact with children and young people on DDLETB premises or through their work on behalf of DDLETB.

DDLETB Schools, Colleges, Centres and Services

DDLETB manages and operates Primary and Post-Primary Schools, Further Education Colleges, Training Centres, Dual Purpose Sports Centres, Psychological Services, Youth Services and a range of Adult and Further Education Centres delivering Education and Training Programmes.

Organisational Persons with Responsibility for Safeguarding

- Director of Schools
- Director of Further Education Training

The Designated Liaison Persons (DLP)

- Principals
- Development Officer for Youth and Sports
- Regional Youthreach Coordinator

The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP)

- Deputy Principals
- Others as designated

Further information on DDLETB schools, colleges, centres, services, DLPs and Deputy DLPs is available on the individual schools/ various locations website.

Mandated Persons

- All registered teachers employed by DDLETB are mandated persons under the Children First Act 2015.

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- Youth Worker who:-
 - Holds a professional qualification that is recognised by the National Qualifications Authority in youth work within the meaning of section 3 of the Youth Work Act 2001 or a related discipline, and
 - Is employed in a youth work service within the meaning of Part VIIA of the Child Care Act 1991
- Psychologist who practises as such and who is eligible for registration in the register (if any) of members of that profession.

Training

All DLPs, Deputy DLPs, Mandated Persons, employees, volunteers and Boards of Management will be made aware of and be familiar with Child Safeguarding through in-house induction, e-Learning programme developed by Túsla and the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST) and on-going Continuous Professional Development (CPD) training.

Recruitment Staff/Volunteers

In relation to the recruitment and selection of staff and their suitability to work with children, DDLETB adheres to the Procedures for Safe Recruitment of Staff and Volunteers to work with Children.

Disclosures against Staff/Volunteers

In relation to a disclosure against an employee, including an unpaid volunteer DDLETB adheres to the Procedures for the Management of Allegations or Suspicions of Child Abuse against Teachers and other Employees.

Data

Data is managed in accordance with DDLETB Policies and Procedures.

Adoption

Child Safeguarding Statements has been formally adopted by DDLETB Schools, Colleges, Centres and Services in accordance with the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017, Children First Act, 2015 and other relevant Legislation pertaining to the protection and welfare of children.

https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Children_First_National_Guidance_2017.pdf

https://www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Information/Child-Protection/child_protection_guidelines.pdf

Safeguarding Oversight Group

DDLETB has established a Child Protection and Safeguarding Oversight Group with representatives for all our sections and services. This group will consider and advise on issues that might arise from time to time in the context of overall Child Safeguarding within DDLETB.

Child Safeguarding Statements will be reviewed annually or as soon as is practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which this Statement refers.

This Statement has been developed in line with the Code of Practice for the Governance Education and Training Boards.

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