



Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna Dublin and Dún Laoghaire
Átha Cliath agus Dhún Laoghaire Education and Training Board

CORPORATE CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

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Corporate Child Safeguarding Statement

Safeguarding Oversight Group

DDLETB has established a Child Protection and Safeguarding Oversight Group with representatives from a variety of schools, services, and centres. The role of this group is to oversee and advise on the implementation of the DoE Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 and [Child First Act 2015](#), [Children First: National Guidance for the Protection Welfare of Children 2017](#) in line with the Children First Act 2015.

Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board (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 children and young people with whom DDLETB staff 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 Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document it has been developed in line with the Code of Practice for the Governance Education and Training Boards.

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 and Special School Settings, delivering Education and Training Programmes.

Corporate responsible person for Safeguarding

- Directors of Schools
- Director of Further Education Training

The Designated Liaison Persons (DLP)

- Principals
- Training Centre Managers
- Development Officer for Youth and Sports
- Youthreach Centre Coordinators

The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP)

- Deputy Principals
- Others as designated

Mandated Persons include

- All registered teachers employed by DDLETB who are mandated under the Children First Act 2015
- Youth Workers who:-

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- Hold 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.
- Counsellor who practises as such and who is eligible for registration in the register (if any) of members of that profession.
- Full list of Mandated Persons can be found in Appendix 1.

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 induction, e-Learning developed by Túsla and the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST), a suite of training provided by DDLETB and on-going Continuous Professional Development (CPD).

Recruitment Staff/Volunteers

In relation to the recruitment and selection of staff and their suitability to work with children, DDLETB adheres to [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.

Child Safeguarding Statements and Risk Assessments

In line with DoE Procedures, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection Welfare of Children 2017 and Child First Act 2015 all schools and centres must carry out full risk assessments including for;

- outside school/centre visits/events including work experience
- visitors to school/centre

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](#), Túsla Guidance and other relevant legislation pertaining to the protection and welfare of children.

Further information on DDLETB schools, colleges, centres Child safeguarding Statements, DLPs and Deputy DLPs can be found in schools and centres and on websites.

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

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