
CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

St Mogue's Community Childcare Centre

March 2018

Child Safeguarding Statement

St Mogue's Community Childcare Centre:

To provide a caring, creative, educational community based childcare centre that delivers a caring secure environment for child to play and learn and that promotes the holistic development of each individual child.

St Mogue's Community Childcare Centre is a registered pre-school providing full and part time services for children aged 4 months to 12 years:

The management structure is:



1. COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN FROM HARM

- St Mogue’s Community Childcare Centre is committed to safeguarding the children in our care and to providing a safe environment in which they can play, learn and develop.
- St Mogue’s Community Childcare Centre believes that the welfare of the children attending our service is paramount. We are committed to child-centred practice in all our work with children.
- St Mogue’s Community Childcare Centre is 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, and heard.
- St Mogue’s Community Childcare Centre policy and procedures to safeguard children and young people reflect national policy and legislation and are underpinned by *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children*, DCYA, 2017, *Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Practice and Procedure*, Tusla, 2018, and the *Children First Act 2015*.
- St Mogue’s Community Childcare Centre policy declaration applies to all paid staff, volunteers, committee/ board members and students on work placement within our organisation. All committee/ board members, staff, volunteers and students must sign up to and abide by the policies, procedures and guidance encompassed by this policy declaration and our child safeguarding policy, code of behaviour and accompanying procedures.
- St Mogue’s Community Childcare Centre will review our child safeguarding statement and accompanying child safeguarding policies and procedures every 2 years or sooner if necessary, due to service issues or changes in legislation or national policy.
- **Designated Liaison Person (DLP) for Child Protection**

DLP:	Deputy:
<i>Sonia Sinnott</i>	<i>Sadie Bergin</i>
<i>Childcare manager</i>	<i>Room Leader (Fern)</i>
<i>St Mogue’s Community Childcare Centre</i>	<i>St Mogue’s community Childcare Centre</i>
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2. RISK ASSESSMENT

In accordance with the *Children First Act 2015*, the Board of Management/Childcare Manager has carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while attending the service or participating in service activities. A written assessment setting out the areas of risk identified and the service procedures for managing those risks is summarised below:

Risk Identified	Policies and/or Procedures in place to manage Risk
Recruitment	Policy No. 14 – Recruitment, Selection & Garda Vetting Policy No. 20 – Staff Induction Policy
Visitors to Childcare Centre	Sign in and out procedure in place
Entrance Doors	Key code is required for entry to the childcare building. Only staff have access to key codes.
Use of Childcare Centre by other Community groups or individuals during or out of childcare centre operating hours	Board of Management Policy is in place that states the Childcare Centre is for the use as only a childcare centre and its Related activities.

3. CHILD SAFEGUARDING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

As required by the *Children First Act 2015* and *Children First National Guidance for Protection and Welfare of Children, 2017* the following safeguarding policies/procedures/measures are in place

- Procedure to maintain a list of mandated persons under the Children First Act, 2015
- A Relevant Person has been appointed
- A Designated Liaison Person and Deputy have been appointed
- Child Protection and Welfare Reporting Procedures
- Confidentiality Policy
- Policy for Dealing with Allegations of Abuse or Neglect Against Employees
- Procedure for Managing Child Protection Records
- Recruitment Policy
- Garda Vetting Policy
- Code of Behaviour for Working with Children

- Induction Policy (which includes procedures to inform new staff about the Child Safeguarding Statement and accompanying safeguarding policies and procedures)
- All staff have completed the Tusla eLearning module – *Introduction to Children First* and relevant staff have attended Always Children First Child Protection Training. All new staff will be required to undertake the Tusla e-learning module when they have commenced their employment.
- Staff have access to regular Supervision and Support in line with the service policy.
- Complaints Policy
- Policy for Managing Outings
- Policy for Managing Accidents and Incidents
- Social Media Management Policy

4. IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

- We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our service is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the accompanying child safeguarding policies and procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our service.
- This Statement will be reviewed every 2 years or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.
- This statement has been published on the service website and is displayed in the service. It has been provided to all staff, volunteers and any other persons involved with the service. It is readily accessible to parents and guardians on request. A copy of this Statement will be made available to Tusla if requested.

Signed: Rachella O'Donnell

Date: 9.3.18

Service Provider's name and contact details:

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