

# Newcastle Community Centre Child Safeguarding Statement

**Newcastle Community Centre provides a facility for clubs and groups involved in our community.**

**Many of the clubs and groups using our facility are working with children and young people. We aim to provide an amenity where these clubs and groups can provide recreational and social activities to the local community.**

**Our guiding principles apply to our board of management, volunteers and CE workers within our organisation. All staff, volunteers and clubs must sign up to and abide by these guiding principles and our child safeguarding procedures. We will review our guiding principles and child safeguarding procedures every two years or sooner if necessary due to service issues or changes in legislation or national policy. Our Designated Liaison Person is [Niamh Becton](#). Our Deputy Designated Liaison Person is [Diana James](#).**

**We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while using our facility.**

	<b>Risk identified</b>	<b>Procedure in place to manage identified risk</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Children left unsupervised in the centre</b>	<b>Ensure Group Leaders are familiar with published guidelines for any groups using the Centre including their responsibility for children attending clubs/groups.</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Persons in charge of children not acting in the children's best interest</b>	<b>Any witnessed neglect or abuse of any child on the premises should be immediately reported to the Child Liaison Person</b>

## **Procedures**

**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:**

- **Under the Children First Act 2015 Mandated Persons are legally required to report any knowledge, belief or reasonable suspicion that a child has been harmed, is being harmed, or is at risk of being harmed to Tusla.**
- **Mandated Persons will bring any child protection concerns to the attention of the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) without delay (as above).**

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2024, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.**

**Jane Smith.  
Chairperson  
Newcastle Community Centre**

**Date: 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022**