



Child Safeguarding Statement Water Safety Ireland Kildare

Water Safety Area Committee/ Club

In accordance with the requirements of the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017 and Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements, Water Safety Ireland-Kildare has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.

- 1 The National Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is
Ashling Nesbitt
- 2 The Water Safety Ireland - Kildare Designated Liaison Persons (Deputy DLP) are:
Ashling Nesbitt
Sam Murray
Philip Keleghan
- 3 Water Safety Ireland – Kildare recognises that child protection and welfare considerations is of paramount importance and must be reflected in its policies, procedures, practices and activities. In its policies, procedures, practices and activities, Water Safety Ireland – Kildare will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:

The Water Safety Ireland - Kildare will:

- recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations;
- fully comply with its statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015 and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children;
- fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters
- adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect;
- develop a practice of openness with the public; and
- fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

Water Safety Ireland – Kildare will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult or child with a special vulnerability.

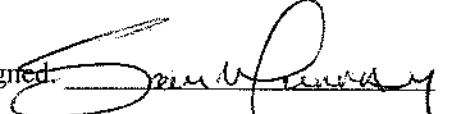
4 The following procedures/measures are in place:

- In relation to any member of Water Safety Ireland -Kildare who is the subject of any investigation (howsoever described) in respect of any act, omission or circumstance in respect of a child, Water Safety Ireland –Kildare adheres to the relevant procedures set out in the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport.
- In relation to the approval of members and their suitability to work with children, Water Safety Ireland - Kildare adheres to the statutory vetting requirements of the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 to 2016.
- In relation to the provision of information and, where necessary, instruction and training, to members of Water Safety Ireland - Kildare in respect of the identification of the occurrence of harm (as defined in the 2015 Act) the Water Safety Ireland - Kildare
 - Will provide each member with a copy of its Child Safeguarding Statement
 - Will ensure all new members are provided with a copy of its Child Safeguarding Statement
 - Will require all members to avail of relevant training
- In relation to reporting of child protection concerns, members of Water Safety Ireland - KILDARE are required to adhere to the procedures set out in the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport under the Children First Act 2015.
- Water Safety Ireland - KILDARE has appointed the above named DLPs as the “relevant people” (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) to be the first point of contact in respect of the Child Safeguarding Statement.
- In accordance with the Children First Act 2015, Water Safety Ireland - KILDARE has carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child attending or participating in Water Safety Ireland - KILDARE approved activities. A written assessment setting out the areas of risk identified and the WSAC’s procedures for managing those risks is attached as an appendix to these procedures.
- The various procedures referred to in this Statement can be accessed via Water Safety Ireland – KILDARE’s website, the WSi website or will be made available on request by the WSAC.

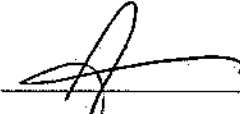
Note: The above is not intended as an exhaustive list.

- 5 This statement has been published on Water Safety Ireland – KILDARE’s website, the WSI website and has been provided to all members of Water Safety Ireland - KILDARE. It is readily accessible to members of the public on request.
- 6 This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which this statement refers.

This Child Safeguarding Statement was adopted by the Water Safety Ireland– KILDARE on 06/03/24

Signed: 
Chairperson of WSI – KILDARE

Date: 06-03-24

Signed: 
Secretary of WSI – KILDARE

Date: 06 MAR 2024