

Loughlinstown Training Centre

Child Safeguarding Statement

December 2023

Training Centres

The overall aim of Loughlinstown Training Centre is to deliver a wide range of part time and full-time courses targeted at upskilling unemployed people so that they can participate in the work force. Training Centres also deliver courses that meet industry needs helping to ensure employees have sustainable employment and progress within the workforce. Training Centres also work with several private training providers through a nationally procured framework which enables the delivery of education and training which is flexible and innovative and responds to the needs of those who are unemployed, Employed or those who are in employment who require new or enhanced skills shaped by labour market needs. DDLETB Training centres also provide community training provision and have an oversight role in Community Training Centres which provide education and training opportunities to early school leavers.

This is carried out 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's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice, DDLETB Training Centres has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement as set out below.

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) for this Centre is: Estelle Webb

The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLDP) is: Tom O' Reilly

DDLETB (insert name) Training Centre will:

- Recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance,
- Fully comply with its statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015 and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children;
 - *Childcare Act 1991*
 - *Protections For Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998*
 - *Criminal Justice Act 2006*
 - *Criminal Justice (withholding of information on offences against children and vulnerable persons) Act 2012*
 - *National Vetting Bureau (Children and vulnerable persons) Acts 2012-2016*
 - *Children First Act 2015*
 - *Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017*
 - *Education (Welfare) Act 2000*
- Fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities (Túsla and Garda Síochána) in relation to child protection and welfare matters;
- Adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children/young people.
- Protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse
- Fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.
- All DDLETB Training Centre Managers are DLPs and as such are mandated persons under the Children's First Act 2015
- In accordance with the Children First Act 2015 DDLETB Training Centres have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a young person while attending or participating in events in our Training Centres. A written assessment setting out the areas of risk identified and procedures for managing those risks is attached as an appendix to this statement.
- The various procedures referred to in this statement can be accessed via the Loughlinstown Training centre website or will be made available on request.

- This statement will be available on DDLETB website and has been provided to all members of staff. It is readily accessible to parents and guardians on request. This child safeguarding statement will be reviewed every two years or as soon as practical after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers

Loughlinstown Training Centre have carried out an assessment of any potential risk of harm to a child while availing of our services. Below is a list of the areas of risk identified and procedures for managing these risks.

RISK IDENTIFIED	PROCEDURE TO MANAGE RISK
Unsuitable adults having access to young people	Garda vetting for all relevant staff /teachers/tutors/participants Reference checks and recruitment procedures
Non reporting of concerns due to risk of harm not being recognised by staff/volunteers	Child protection training available for all staff. Circulation of Child Safeguarding Statement (CSS) and Procedures to all staff and CSS on display to the public and on service website
Risk of inappropriate or abusive behaviour by staff, volunteer's, tutor's teachers and participants.	Garda vetting for relevant staff/tutors/teachers Child protection training available for staff. Clarity of roles (job descriptions) for staff Code of behaviour for staff and participants
Appropriate management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against staff/volunteers/tutors/teachers and participants	Child protection training for DLP and relevant staff. Clearly defined Child protection and HR policies and procedures.
Risk of harm from accessing inappropriate materials or inappropriate contact online	IT policy for staff/tutors and teachers Ongoing Staff Training Level of staff supervision. Appropriate Internet filters. Ongoing review of IT Policy

The following procedures support our intention to safeguard young people while they are availing of our services:

- Procedure for the Management of Allegations or Suspicions of Child Abuse against Teachers and Other Employees
- Procedure for the Safe Recruitment and training of Staff to work with children and young people;
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla and/or An Garda Siochana in accordance with Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 of Children's First 2017
- Child Protection Protocol authorising immediate action

All procedures listed are available upon request.

Loughlinstown Training Centre is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children/young people safe from harm while availing of our services.

The Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed in December 2025, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed

Date

30/11/23



Estelle Webb

Training Centre Manager

Signed

Date

30/12/23



Siobhan Lynch

Director of Further Education & Training