ROI Child Safeguarding Statement 2023 for *Portmarnock Swim Team*

Our club provides opportunities for young people though involvement and participation in *swimming activities* at club level, under the under the guidance of the Swim Ireland Safeguarding Policy. Our club believes that the best interests of children and young people attending our sport are paramount and believe that all children in our sport environments have the right to be protected, treated with respect, listened to and to have their views taken into consideration in all decisions affecting them.
This Child Safeguarding Statement identifies the risks and how these are mitigated. The details here are based on the full risk assessment of harm undertaken on 15/12/2023. Swim Ireland policies are available on the Swim Ireland website and *www.porttmarnockswimteam.ie*

Identified area of risk of harm	**Policy or Procedure in place to mitigate risk of harm**
Club Programme and Coaching Practices Identified risks causing harm to a child: Inappropriate behaviour towards a child Failure to report harm to a child Working in or undertaking unauthorised/unsupervised activities involving a child or children	Codes of Conduct Poor practice and Whistleblowing policy Physical Contact Recognising and Reporting Child Abuse policy Safeguarding Roles including their responsibilities Safeguarding Training Vetting policy
Recruitment risks: Unqualified/untrained persons working with a child Lack of clarity of role recruited to work with a child	Recruitment policy Safeguarding Training Vetting policy
Complaints & Discipline risks: Lack of awareness how to raise issues including poor practice and concerns of harm Failure to raise a concern	Complaints & Disciplinary procedures Communications policy Poor practice and Whistleblowing policy Recognising and Reporting Child Abuse policy
Use of indoor facilities Identified risks causing harm to a child: Lack of supervision when accessing facilities Visitors or other users of the facility, e.g. facility staff, parents, public, contractors	Codes of Conduct Person on Duty Poor practice and Whistleblowing policy Spectator Behaviour policy Supervision policies
Communications Identified risks of causing harm to a child: Using social media and/or online or virtual platforms Unauthorised taking or use of images (digital or film)	Codes of Conduct Communications policy Filming & Photography policy including Use of Devices guidance Social Media policy including Virtual Learning Platforms
General Risks of Harm Identified risks of causing harm to a child: Adult to child harm Child to child harm Travelling with a child or children – single journeys and overnight trips	Anti-bullying Promise and policy Codes of Conduct Inclusion policy Poor practice and Whistleblowing policy Spectator Behaviour policy Travelling policy Well-being and Mental Health policy
Reporting Procedures Identified risks of causing harm to a child: Failure to report disclosure, allegations, or concerns of harm to a child Failure to report staff or volunteer causing harm Failure to identify mandated person	Internal process for maintaining register of Mandated Person Membership Risk Assessment policy includes managing the process where a child is harmed by a member or volunteer Poor practice and Whistleblowing Policy Recognising and Reporting Child Abuse policy (mandated & non-mandated reports) Club Member Handbook includes managing the process where a child is harmed by staff, volunteer or contractor

The Child Safeguarding Statement (CSS) is developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015. This CSS, together with our guiding principles are underpinned by Swim Ireland Safeguarding Policies, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children, Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and current legislation such as the Children First Act 2015, Child Care Act 1991, Protections for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998 and the National Vetting Bureau Act 2012.

Our guiding principles apply to all paid staff, volunteers, committee members and any other person appointed to work within our club, who 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 organisational issues or changes in legislation or national policy.

Our Mandated Person is Kate Hills, contact phone: 0868560672; contact mail: katehills@swimireland.ie

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For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact the Lead Club Children's Officer, also the Relevant Person (details above)

ROI Clubs: completion period 1st September 2023 – 31st October 2023