

SVP CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

MOUNTJOY VISITORS CENTRE

SVP provides educational and recreational activities and services to children under 18 years of age nationally through our network of Regions and local Conferences.

SVP is committed to safeguarding children by working under the guidance of our national safeguarding policies and procedures. Our members, non-member volunteers and staff are committed to creating a safe environment for children and young people to grow and develop.

Mountjoy Visitors Centre has conducted a specific written risk assessment and child safeguarding statement in line with Children First Act 2015, Protection for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998, NVB Act 2012 and 2016, Children First Guidance 2017 and Tusla Guidance on Developing a Child Safeguarding Statement.

East Region

Mountjoy Visitors Centre, C/O Dochas Centre, N.C.R, Dublin 7

Teresa Clarke

Mountjoy Visitors Centre provides a Hospitality and Fully Equipped Childcare and Play Area to those Visiting Mountjoy Prison Campus

The written risk assessment indicates the areas of potential harm, the likelihood of harm occurring, and lists the required policy, guidance, process and practice required to alleviate the risks.

Risks are identified in the following categories:

- Recruitment and Selection
- Induction and Training
- Reporting Concerns
- Conduct- Staff and Volunteers
- Technology and Social Media
- Specific Needs
- General Risk of Harm

RISK	LIKELIHOOD	POLICIES TO CONTROL RISK
Recruitment and Selection	Low	Recruitment Policy
Induction and Training	Low	Recruitment Policy
Reporting Concerns	Low	Safe Guarding Policy
Conduct; Staff and Volunteers	Low	Code of Conduct
Technology and Social Media	Medium	Technology and Social Media Policy
Specific Needs	Medium	Registration Policy
General Risk of Harm	Medium	Health and Safety Policy

In addition to this service/activity risk assessments the following procedures are in place throughout SVP as part of our safeguarding policies and procedures:

- Procedures for managing allegations of abuse or misconduct by volunteers or employees against a child availing of our services.
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of volunteers or employees to work with children in our services.
- Procedures to access child safeguarding training, including the identification and reporting of harm.
- Procedures for reporting child protection and welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities.

SVP Mountjoy Visitors Centre recognises that implementation is an ongoing process – we are committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm.

The Relevant Person for this Child Safeguarding Statement is:

Teresa Clarke

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on:

11th March 2020