

SVP CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

OZANAM HOUSE RESOURCE 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.

Each SVP Children's Activity or Service will conduct 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

Ozanam House Resource Centre – 53 Mountjoy West Square, Dublin 1

Tony Rock

A Resource Centre providing Community programmes, Childcare programmes, Youth programmes and Adult Education

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 – volunteers, staff, students
- Technology and social media
- Intimate Care
- 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 – Vols, Staff, Students	Low	Code of Conduct
Technology Social Media	Medium	Technology and Social Media Policy
Intimate Care	Low	Safe Guarding Policy
Specific Needs	Low	Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy, Application Policy
General Risk of Harm	Medium	Health and Safety Policy

In addition to this service risk assessment 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 Ozanam House Resource 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:

Tony Rock

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on:

11th March 2020