

## **SVP CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT**

### **TRINITY VDP KIDS AND TEEN CLUBS**

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.

Trinity SVP 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**

**Trinity Vincent de Paul, Trinity College Dublin, College Green, Dublin 2**

**Hugh Fitzgibbon**

**Kids Clubs and Teen Clubs- Independent Activities**

**Year Long, volunteer led, community programmes for 7 - 15 year olds**

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
- Reporting concerns
- Conduct of volunteers, staff and students
- Technology/ social media
- Intimate care
- Specific needs
- General risk of harm
- Management and leadership
- Overnight

RISK	LIKELIHOOD	POLICIES TO CONTROL RISK
RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION	Low	SVP recruitment and selection policy
INDUCTION	Low	SVP induction policy
REPORTING CONCERNS	Low/medium	Child protection training Child safeguarding officer
CONDUCT – VOLTS, STAFF, STUDENTS	Low/medium	Code of conduct Ongoing supervision/observation
TECHNOLOGY/ SOCIAL MEDIA	Low	Technology policy
INTIMATE CARE	Medium	Two to One policy Child protection policy
SPECIFIC NEEDS	Low/Medium	Information to – from parents Child Protection policy
GENERAL RISK OF HARM	Low/Medium	Code of Conduct
MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP	Low	Activity Leader Training
OVERNIGHT TRIPS AND OUTINGS	Medium/High	Garda Vetting 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 (Trinity VDP) 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:

Hugh Fitzgibbon

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on:

March 2019