

**SVP CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT**  
**BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL**  
**&**  
**CASTLEISLAND FAMILY 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.

<b>Region:</b>	<b>South West Region</b>
<b>Service:</b>	<b>Bright Beginnings Pre-School &amp; Castleisland Family Resource Centre</b>
<b>Location :</b>	<b>Church St, Castleisland, Co Kerry</b>
<b>Relevant Person/s:</b>	<b>Liz Galwey &amp; Mairead O’Connor</b>
<b>Service description:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Bright Beginnings preschool provides a morning preschool session for children from 2 years 9 months to 5 years. The preschool is located in Castleisland FRC and operates from 9.10 – 12.40pm Monday to Friday during the school year.</b></li> <li>- <b>Castleisland FRC provides craft workshops at Easter and Christmas to children from 5 years to 12 years, camps during holidays such as Halloween and Summer to children with additional needs, weekly recreational class for children with additional needs, summer camps for preschool children, Family Support work including Meitheal, Book Club, Learning Support, Respect and Self-esteem classes, play therapy and Jigsaw (mental health)</b></li> </ul>

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. It also highlights additional controls that can be put in place to mitigate against the identified risks.

Risks are identified in the following categories:

<b>RISK</b>	<b>LIKELIHOOD</b>	<b>POLICIES TO CONTROL RISK</b>
<b>Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by a member of staff/volunteer/peer.</b>	Low-Medium	- SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups (Section 3 Safe Recruitment & Selection, Section 4 Safeguarding Training, Section 5 Safe Management of Activities, and Section 6 Safe Management of Employees & Volunteers).

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SVP Policy on Recognising &amp; Reporting Welfare and Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable.</li> <li>- SVP Volunteer Policy – Recruitment Procedure.</li> <li>- SVP HR Recruitment Policy.</li> <li>- SVP Social Media Policy</li> <li>- Síolta, the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education</li> <li>- Childcare Policies and Procedures</li> <li>- Centres Child Protection Policy and Procedures</li> <li>- Centre Code of Conduct</li> </ul>
<p><b>Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by a visitor to the service.</b></p>	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups (Section 4 Safeguarding Training, and Section 6 Safe Management of Employees &amp; Volunteers).</li> <li>- SVP Policy on Recognising &amp; Reporting Welfare and Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable.</li> <li>- Childcare Policies and procedures</li> <li>- Síolta, the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education</li> <li>- Stay Safe Programme</li> <li>- Centre Code of Conduct</li> </ul>
<p><b>Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child on outings by a member of staff/volunteer/stranger/peer.</b></p>	Low-Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups (Section 5 Safe Management of Activities, and Section 6 Safe Management of Employees &amp; Volunteers).</li> <li>- SVP Policy on Recognising &amp; Reporting Welfare &amp; Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable.</li> <li>- Childcare Policies and procedures</li> <li>- Síolta, the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education</li> </ul>
<p><b>Risk of Harm of bullying of a child by a member of staff/volunteer/peer.</b></p>	Low-Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups (Section 4 Safeguarding Training, Section 5.1.7 Code of Behaviour for Participants, Section 6.1 Code of Conduct, and Section 7.4 Anti-Bullying).</li> <li>- Childcare Policies and procedures</li> <li>- Centre Code of Conduct</li> <li>- Síolta, the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education</li> </ul>

<p><b>Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child from unauthorised photography.</b></p>	<p>Low-Medium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups (Section 3 Safe Recruitment &amp; Selection, Section 5.1.9 Use of Photography, Video and/or Social Digital Media, and Section 6.1 Code of Conduct).</li> <li>- SVP Policy on Recognising &amp; Reporting Welfare &amp; Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable.</li> <li>- SVP Social Media Policy</li> <li>- Childcare Policies and procedures</li> <li>- Centre Code of Conduct</li> <li>- Síolta, the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education</li> </ul>
<p><b>Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child from online abuse through social media or internet access.</b></p>	<p>Low-Medium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups (Section 5.1.9 Use of Photography, Video and/or Social Digital Media, and Section 6.1 Code of Conduct).</li> <li>- SVP Policy on Recognising &amp; Reporting Welfare &amp; Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable.</li> <li>- SVP Social Media Policy</li> <li>- Childcare Policies and procedures</li> <li>- Centre Code of Conduct</li> <li>- Staff Supervision Policy</li> <li>- Síolta, the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reporting Concerns</b></p>	<p>Low-Medium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SVP Policy on Recognising &amp; Reporting Welfare &amp; Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable.</li> <li>- SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups (Section 2 Key Roles &amp; Responsibilities, and Section 4 Safeguarding Training).</li> <li>- Childcare Policies and procedures</li> <li>- SVP Safeguarding Training Programme</li> <li>- Stay Safe Programme</li> <li>- Síolta, the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education</li> </ul>

In addition to this activity's 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.
- Procedure for maintaining a list of persons in the relevant services who are mandated persons.
- Procedures for appointing a relevant person for the purposes of the Statement.

SVP, Castleisland Family Resource Centre and Bright Beginnings Pre-School recognise that implementation is an ongoing process and 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/s for this Child Safeguarding Statement:  
This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on:

**Liz Galwey / Mairead O'Connor**  
**1<sup>st</sup> June 2022**