

SVP CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Mountjoy Prison Visitor's 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.

Region:	East Region
Service:	Mountjoy Prison Visitor's Centre
Location:	The Dochas Centre, North Circular Road, Dublin 7
Relevant Person:	Teresa Clarke - Teresa.clarke@svp.ie – 086 0436887
Service description:	The Prison Visitor's Centre provides a hospitality service and both a supervised play/activity area for children aged between 2-10 years old and an unsupervised play/activity area for toddlers, for those visiting Mountjoy Prison.

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:

RISK	LIKELIHOOD	POLICIES TO CONTROL RISK
Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by a member of staff/volunteer/peer.	Low – Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups - SVP Policy on Recognising & Reporting Welfare and Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable. - SVP HR Recruitment Policy - SVP Volunteer Policy – Recruitment, support, training - Staff & Volunteer Handbooks & Agreements - Supervision & Support Policy - Local Code of Conduct - Childcare Policies & Procedures
Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by a visitor to the service.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups - SVP Policy on Recognising & Reporting Welfare and Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable. - Prison's Procedures on Visitors entering the premises. - Visitors Code of Conduct

Risk of Harm of bullying of a child by a member of staff/volunteer/peer.	Low – Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups - Registration Procedure and Policy - Anti Bullying Policy
Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child from unauthorised photography.	Low – Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups - SVP Policy on Recognising & Reporting Welfare & Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable. - Prison Policy of No Media Access. - SVP Social Media Policy - Staff / Volunteer Agreements - Childcare Policies and Procedures - Hospitality Policies and Procedure
Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child from online abuse through social media or internet access.	Low – Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups - SVP Policy on Recognising & Reporting Welfare & Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable - Prison Policy for Visitors - SVP Social Media Policy - Staff / Volunteer Agreements - Childcare Policies and Procedures - Hospitality Policies and Procedure
Reporting Concerns	Low – Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SVP Policy on Recognising & Reporting Welfare & Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable. - SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups - SVP HR Recruitment Policy - SVP Volunteer Policy – Recruitment, support, training - Staff & Volunteer Handbooks & Agreement

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 and Wheatfield Prison Visitor’s Centre 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 for this Child Safeguarding Statement is: **Teresa Clarke**

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on: **8th May 2025**