



## 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.

<b>Region:</b>	<b>East Region</b>
<b>Service:</b>	<b>Ozanam House Resource Centre (Inc Ozanam House Early Years Service)</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>53 Mountjoy Square West, Dublin 1</b>
<b>Persons Responsible:</b>	
<b>For Providing the Service:</b>	<b>Rose McGowan - <a href="mailto:Rose.McGowan@svp.ie">Rose.McGowan@svp.ie</a> – 01-8742804</b>
<b>Relevant Person/s:</b>	<b>Debbie Keegan - <a href="mailto:ozanamhouse.childcare@svp.ie">ozanamhouse.childcare@svp.ie</a> - 01-8742804</b>
<b>Service description:</b>	<b>A community resource centre providing community programmes, early years education service and adult education classes.</b>

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
<b>Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by a member of staff/volunteer/peer.</b>	<b>Low/Medium</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups.</li><li>• SVP Policy on Recognising &amp; Reporting Welfare &amp; Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable.</li><li>• Síolta, the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education</li><li>• Ozanam House Volunteer Policy. Ozanam House Volunteer Handbook. SVP Staff Recruitment Policy Ozanam House Staff Handbook.</li><li>• Ozanam House Code of Conduct, Behaviour &amp; Behaviour Management Policy.</li><li>• Ozanam House Childcare Policy &amp; Procedures. Ozanam House Admissions Policy &amp; Procedures Parent Handbooks.</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>	<p><b>Low/Medium</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups.</li> <li>• Síolta, the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education</li> <li>• Ozanam House Staff Policies &amp; Procedures. Ozanam House Staff Handbook.</li> <li>• Ozanam House Volunteer Handbook. Ozanam House Code of Conduct.</li> <li>• Ozanam House Parent Handbook. Ozanam House Visitors Policy.</li> <li>• Ozanam House Childcare Policies and Procedures. Ozanam House 'Critical Incident' Policy.</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>	<p><b>Low</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups.</li> <li>• Síolta, the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education</li> <li>• Ozanam House Staff Policies &amp; Procedures. Ozanam House Code of Conduct.</li> <li>• Ozanam House Parent Handbook.</li> <li>• Ozanam House Volunteer Policy &amp; Handbook. Ozanam House Childcare Policies and Procedures. Ozanam House 'Critical Incident' Policy.</li> <li>• Ozanam House Admissions Policy &amp; Procedures</li> </ul>
<p><b>Risk of Harm of bullying of a child by a member of staff/volunteer/peer.</b></p>	<p><b>Low</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups.</li> <li>• Síolta, the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education</li> <li>• Ozanam House Anti Bullying Policy.</li> <li>• Ozanam House Code of Conduct, Behaviour &amp; Behaviour Management Policy.</li> <li>• Ozanam House Childcare Policies and Procedure. Ozanam House Parent Handbook.</li> <li>• Ozanam House Volunteer Handbook. Ozanam House Staff Handbook.</li> <li>• Ozanam House Volunteer Policy &amp; Procedure.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child from unauthorised photography.</b></p>	<p><b>Low/Medium</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups.</li> <li>• SVP Policy on Recognising &amp; Reporting Welfare &amp; Protection Concerns About Children and Adults Who May Be Vulnerable.</li> <li>• Síolta, the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education</li> <li>• Ozanam House Childcare Policies and Procedure. Ozanam House Staff Policies &amp; Procedures.</li> <li>• Ozanam House Volunteer Policy &amp; Procedures. Ozanam House Parent Handbooks.</li> <li>• Ozanam House Staff &amp; Volunteers Handbooks. Ozanam House Code of Conduct.</li> <li>• Ozanam House - Children's Complaints Policy &amp; Procedure.</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><b>Low/Medium</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SVP Policy on Recognising &amp; Reporting Welfare &amp; Protection Concerns About Children and Adults Who May Be Vulnerable.</li> <li>• SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups.</li> <li>• Síolta, the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education</li> <li>• Ozanam House Childcare Policies and Procedure. Ozanam House Staff Policies &amp; Procedures. Ozanam House Volunteer Policy &amp; Procedure. Ozanam House Code of Conduct.</li> <li>• Ozanam House Staff &amp; Volunteer Handbooks. Ozanam House Parent Handbooks.</li> <li>• Ozanam House Children’s Complaints Policy &amp; Procedure.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reporting Concerns</b></p>	<p><b>Low</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SVP Policy on Recognising &amp; Reporting Welfare &amp; Protection Concerns About Children and Adults Who May Be Vulnerable.</li> <li>• SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups</li> <li>• Síolta, the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education</li> <li>• Ozanam House Childcare Policies and Procedure. Ozanam House Staff Policies &amp; Procedures.</li> <li>• Ozanam House Volunteer Policy &amp; Procedure. Ozanam House Staff &amp; Volunteer Handbooks. Ozanam House Parent Handbooks.</li> <li>• DLP FAQ</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.
- All staff, CE participants, volunteers and students are provided with 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.
- All staff with direct contact to children maintain a 2-year Safeguarding training cycle which includes the trainings required in Tusla’s Child Safeguarding Training – 5 Year Cycle

SVP and Ozanam House Resource Centre, Dublin 1, 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:

**Debbie Keegan**

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on:

**18th November 2026**