

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

**Conference:** Trinity VDP

**Location:** Trinity College, Dublin 1

**Relevant Person:** Jill O’Brien - [president@trinityvdp.com](mailto:president@trinityvdp.com) 086 607 6399

**Service description:** Trinity VDP operates three youth activity clubs in three locations – Andrew Court Kids Club, Pearse Street Kids Club and the Trinity Youth Club. These clubs offer registered children and young people the opportunity to engage in outings and trips to local venues of interest and also from time to time to undertake indoor activities in Trinity College and SVP’s Ozanam House Resource Centre, as well as a pantomime in O’Reilly Theatre in Belvedere College Dublin 1.

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	Policy 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>	Low/Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups 2018</li> <li>SVP Policy on Recognising and Reporting Welfare &amp; Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable 2019</li> <li>SVP Volunteer Policy</li> <li>Trinity VDP Volunteer Recruitment &amp; Training Policy Trinity VDP Volunteer &amp; Activity Leader Handbooks. Trinity VDP Code of Conduct &amp; Behaviour Management Policy.</li> <li>Trinity VDP Critical Incident Policy</li> <li>Trinity VDP Social Media &amp; Phone</li> </ul>

		<p>Use Policy Trinity VDP Parent Handbook.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trinity VDP Activity Risk Assessment Policy Trinity VDP Anti Bullying Policy</li> </ul>
<b>Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by a visitor to the service.</b>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups 2018</li> <li>Trinity VDP Drop off and Collection Policy</li> <li>Trinity VDP Code of Conduct &amp; Behaviour Management Policy.</li> <li>Trinity VDP Critical Incident Policy.</li> </ul>
<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>	Low/Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups 2018</li> <li>SVP Policy on Recognising &amp; Reporting Welfare &amp; Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable. 2019</li> <li>Trinity VDP Registration &amp; Application Policy Trinity VDP Critical Incident Policy</li> <li>Trinity VDP Activity Risk Assessment Policy Trinity VDP Drop off and Collection Policy</li> <li>Trinity VDP Volunteer &amp; Activity Leader Handbooks. Trinity VDP Code of Conduct &amp; Behaviour Management Policy.</li> <li>Trinity VDP Parent Handbook.</li> <li>Trinity VDP Anti Bullying Policy.</li> </ul>
<b>Risk of Harm of bullying of a child by a member of staff/volunteer/peer.</b>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups 2018</li> <li>Trinity VDP Code of Conduct &amp; Behaviour Management Policy.</li> <li>Trinity VDP Parent Handbook.</li> <li>Trinity VDP Anti Bullying Policy</li> <li>Trinity VDP Volunteer Agreements</li> </ul>

<b>Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child from unauthorised photography.</b>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups 2018</li> <li>• Trinity VDP Volunteer &amp; Activity Leader Handbooks. Trinity VDP Code of Conduct &amp; Behaviour Management Policy.</li> <li>• Trinity VDP Social Media &amp; Phone Use. Policy Trinity VDP Parent Handbook.</li> <li>• Trinity VDP Anti Bullying Policy.</li> <li>• Trinity VDP Complaints and Feedback Policy.</li> </ul>
<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>	Low/Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups 2018</li> <li>• Trinity VDP Volunteer &amp; Activity Leader Handbooks. Trinity VDP Code of Conduct &amp; Behaviour Management Policy.</li> <li>• Trinity VDP Social Media &amp; Phone Use Policy Trinity VDP Parent Handbook.</li> <li>• Trinity VDP Anti Bullying Policy</li> <li>• Trinity VDP Complaints and Feedback Policy</li> </ul>
<b>Reporting Concerns</b>	Low/Medium	<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 2019</li> <li>• SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups 2018</li> <li>• Trinity VDP Volunteer Recruitment &amp; Training Policy Trinity VDP Parent Handbook.</li> <li>• Trinity VDP Complaints and Feedback Policy 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.
- Procedures to access child safeguarding training, including the identification and reporting of harm.
- Procedures for reporting child protection and welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities.



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- 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 Trinity VDP Youth Clubs 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: **Jill O'Brien**

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on: **September 2026**