

## Child Safeguarding Statement

**Waterford Sports Partnership (WSP)** provides and supports opportunities for children to participate in various physical activity and sports programmes and events.

WSP is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of WSP's Safeguarding Policies we wish, with our staff, service providers and partners, to create and maintain a safe environment for children to participate in sport and physical activity.

WSP's written Risk Assessment indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring, and gives the policy, guidance or process documents required to alleviate these risks and any further actions required. The list of risks identified is contained in the following categories: Activity Delivery Practices; Complaints & Discipline; Reporting Procedures; Facilities; Recruitment; Communications and Social Media and General Risk of Harm. The Risk Assessment was approved on 8/3/18.

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, (the Children First: National Guidance, and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice). In addition to our Risk Assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.

WSP has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteers against a child availing of our activities
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities
- Procedures for access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm
- Procedure for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities

The **Mandated Person** for WSP is **Rosarie Kealy**.

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our organisation is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our activities.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

Signed:  Date: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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