



# Roscommon County Childcare Committee

## Roscommon CCC Child Safeguarding Statement

**Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG  
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## CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT (CSS)

**Organisation Name and Address:** Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG, Knock Road, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon, Ireland.

**Address for activities that relate to CSS:** Various locations throughout the county such as Roscommon Library services including; Boyle, Castlerea, Strokestown & Roscommon Libraries, Boyle Family Resource Centre, Ballaghaderreen Family Resource Centre, Castlerea Family Resource Centre, South Roscommon Family Resource Centre, Killtulagh Hall, Ballinlough, Frenchpark Cornerstone Youth Project/Frenchpark parish hall, Harvey Dale Ballyleague, Abbeyfield Hotel Ballaghaderreen, Hodson Bay Hotel Athlone, Durkins Hotel Ballaghaderreen, CornerHouse Ballinagare.

### 1. Nature of organisation and principles to safeguard children from harm

Roscommon County Childcare Committee act as the local agent of the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) in the coordination and delivery of the national early education and childcare programmes and the implementation of Government policy at a local level. We aim to lead, facilitate and support the development of quality, accessible Early Learning and Care (ELC) and School Aged Childcare (SAC) services for the overall benefit of children and their parents in a child centered, partnership approach.

- ↳ We provide 'Stay and Play' Sessions as part of the DCEDIY Ukrainian Response.
- ↳ We provide network events for childminders and the children in their care at various locations throughout County Roscommon
- ↳ We facilitate these Stay & Play sessions in premises throughout the county that have a designated, secure indoor area
- ↳ Parents/guardians are required to remain onsite at such events with the children in their care at all times

### Guiding principles to safeguard children from harm:

1. The welfare and safety of every child and young person who attends our sessions/network events is our priority
2. Roscommon CCC believe that the best interests of children are paramount. Our priority is to ensure the welfare and safety of every child and young person who attends our service.
3. All children and young people attending Stay and Play sessions and network events will be have the right to be protected, treated with respect, listened to and to have their views taken into consideration in all decisions affecting them.
4. We are committed to upholding the rights of every child and young person who attends our Stay and Play sessions, including the right to be kept safe and protected from harm, to be listened to and to be heard.
5. All children and young people attending Stay and Play sessions will be respected as individuals and encouraged to reach their potential, regardless of their background.
6. Our guiding principles and this child safeguarding statement apply to everyone in our organisation and are underpinned by [Children First: National Guidance for the Protection](#)



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and Welfare of Children, Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and legislation including the Children First Act 2015, Child Care Act 1991, Protections for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998 and the National Vetting Bureau Acts 2012-2016.

- Roscommon CCC Employees/volunteers must conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of our organisation. All employees/volunteers are guided by Roscommon CCCs Code of Behaviour

## 2. Risk Assessment

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while attending our Stay and Play sessions and network events.

*"harm" means, in relation to a child— (a) assault, ill-treatment or neglect of the child in a manner that seriously affects or is likely to seriously affect the child's health, development or welfare, or (b) sexual abuse of the child, whether caused by a single act, omission or circumstance or a series or combination of acts, omissions or circumstances, or otherwise; (Children First Act 2015)*

Below is a list of the areas of risks identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

	<b>Risk of harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015)</b>	<b>Procedure in place to manage identified risk</b>
1	<p>Risk of harm of abuse by staff/volunteers.</p> <p>Examples of risk include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rough handling of children by staff in a way that causes harm to a child</li> <li>- Staff/volunteers shouting at or chastising children to the extent that it causes harm to a child</li> <li>- On-going provision of inadequate food and/or nutrition to the extent that it causes harm to a child</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recruitment Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Complaints Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Procedure/Policy on Managing Behaviour</li> <li>- Staff Training Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Staff Induction Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Child Safeguarding Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Reporting Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Child Safeguarding Training Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Garda Vetting Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Code of Behaviour for Staff/Students/Volunteers Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Allegation of Abuse Against Staff/Students/Volunteers Procedure/Policy</li> </ul>
2	<p>Risk of abuse by staff and volunteers not knowing correct procedures.</p> <p>Examples of risk include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children placed at risk due to inadequate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staff Training Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Staff Supervision Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Reporting Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Child Safeguarding Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Allegations of Abuse against Staff/Students/Volunteers Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Complaints Procedure/Policy</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>supervision</li> <li>- Children being harmed as a result of staff not reporting appropriate concerns</li> <li>- Children being harmed by inappropriate actions or interactions by staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Code of Behavior for staff and volunteers Procedures/Policy</li> <li>- Stay and Play Policy including risk management policy</li> <li>- Critical Incident Procedure/Policy</li> </ul>
3	<p>Risk of abuse by workers/volunteers/visitors when parents are not on site for Stay and Play sessions.</p> <p>Examples of risk include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An incident of sexual abuse by a staff member/ student/volunteer, for example, during nappy changing or intimate care routines</li> <li>- An incident of physical abuse by a staff member/ student/volunteer when parent is not on site</li> <li>- Emotional abuse by a staff member/ student/volunteer taking place when parent is not on site</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staff Training Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Staff Supervision Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Recruitment Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Garda Vetting Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Child Safeguarding Policy/Procedure</li> <li>- Personal and Intimate Care Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Inclusion Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Code of Behaviour for Staff/Students/ Volunteers Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Allegation of Abuse Against Staff/Students/Volunteers Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Stay and Play Policy includes personal and intimate care and inclusion Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Childminder Network Events Policy includes personal and intimate care and inclusion Procedure/Policy</li> </ul>
4	<p>Risk of harm by use of unauthorised photography or from online abuse through social media or internet access.</p> <p>Examples of risk include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Poor management of images or recordings of children, including those shared publicly or on social media</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Policy/Procedure on the use of the Internet and Photographic and Recording Devices</li> <li>- Social Media Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Retention of Records Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Stay and Play Policy</li> <li>- Childminders Network Events Policy</li> </ul>
5	<p>Risk of harm from other workers/volunteers or Unannounced visitors to the venue where the Stay and Play session or network event is taking place (e.g., maintenance/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staff Absences Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Risk Management Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Supervision of Children Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Visitor Signing in Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Safety Statement Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Stay and Play policy includes policy on risk</li> </ul>



	<p>repairs/deliveries/other families/adults/children). Examples of risk include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Risk of children absconding from services due to procedures for entering and exiting buildings not being adhered to, such as doors being closed etc.</li> <li>- Risk of physical, sexual or emotional abuse to children from visitors</li> <li>- Children placed at risk of harm due to inadequate supervision</li> </ul>	management, supervision of children and visitor signing in Procedure/Policy
6	<p>Risk of harm from peer to peer abuse.</p> <p>Examples of risk include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Repeated, extreme acts of bullying (i.e. verbal, psychological or physical aggression between children)</li> <li>- Children using social media platforms to post derogatory comments or pictures of other children</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complaints Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Staff Training Procedure/Policy</li> <li>- Stay and Play Policy includes policy on anti-bullying and supervision of children procedure/policy</li> <li>- Childminder Network Events Policy includes policy on anti-bullying and Supervision of Children Procedure/Policy</li> </ul>
<h3>3. Procedures</h3> <p>Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017, and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice. The procedures listed in our Risk Assessment and the Specified Procedures below support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing of our service;</li> <li>- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children;</li> <li>- Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm;</li> <li>- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla;</li> <li>- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are</li> </ul>		



mandated persons;

- Procedure for appointing a Relevant Person.

Everyone in our organisation has a responsibility to safeguard children and to report, to Tusla, any concerns they may have for the protection or welfare of a child. Regardless of how a concern comes to a worker's attention, it should be reported to our company DLP or DDLP in the absence of our appointed DLP.

Roscommon CCC will display this Child Safeguarding Statement prominently in our company offices and on our company website.

All procedures will be made available to employees, directors, parents, young people, members of the public and Tusla, if requested.

#### **4. Implementation and Review**

We recognise that implementation is an on-going process. Our organisation is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children and young people safe from harm while availing of our service.

##### **Implement**

Roscommon CCC Safeguarding Statement has been adopted and a version control with an implementation plan has been put in place. A copy will be displayed in our company offices and on our company website at <https://www.roscommonchildcare.ie/>

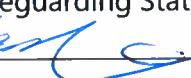
##### **Monitor**

Roscommon CCC's child safeguarding statement will be monitored on an ongoing basis by the Roscommon CCC Manager

##### **Review**

Roscommon CCC's Child safeguarding statement will be reviewed, at a minimum every two years or more often where required. This review will be led by the Roscommon CCC Manager and will involve the whole staff team and/or board of directors. Reviews will be conducted when procedures have been put into practice and gaps have been identified, situations where the scope or purpose of Roscommon CCC has changed, new legislation or policy has been developed or where there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 14/09/2025.

**Signed:**  (Provider of the Relevant Service) Roscommon CCC Chairperson

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