

Child Safeguarding Statement

In accordance with the requirement of the *Children First Act 2015*, *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017*, Galway City Council has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.

Galway City Council is the authority responsible for local government in the city of Galway. The council is responsible for providing a range of services to residents and visitors to Galway including housing and community, roads and transportation, urban planning and development, culture and environment and enterprise.

Galway City Council recognises that child protection and welfare considerations must be reflected in all of the Councils' policies, procedures, practices and activities. Galway City Council will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child safeguarding in its policies, procedures, practices and activities.

Galway City Council will:

- Recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations.
- Fully comply with its statutory obligations under the *Children's First Act 2015* and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children.
- Fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child safeguarding issues.
- Adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm happening to children.
- Fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child safeguarding matters.

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the *Children's First Act 2015*, *Children First: National Guidance for the protection and Welfare of Children (2017)*, *Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice* and on the outcomes of risk assessments of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our service:

- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children.
- Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm.
- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing of our service.
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla.
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons.

*All Procedures listed are available upon request.

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We recognise that implementation is an on-going process. Our service 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 services. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed in June 2027 or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed


Mr Leonard Cleary
Chief Executive Officer

Date: 20/6/2025.

For queries, please contact Catherine Fahy, Senior Social Worker, Designated Liaison Person under the Children first Act 2015.

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