

Child Safeguarding Statement for Wexford Local Development

1. Name of Service: Wexford Local Development

2. Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm:

Wexford Local Development (WLD) is a local, community based organisation working in County Wexford.

Our core purpose is:

“To enable specific individuals and communities to achieve a better social and economic quality of life by improving their opportunities for employment and by addressing inequality”

WLD supports individuals and communities across the county to engage in personal development, capacity building, training, education & employment opportunities. WLD is fully committed to maintaining the highest standards to safeguard children in all aspects of our work. The safety and welfare of children and young people that access WLD activities and services is of paramount importance and informs all practice across the organisation.

3. Risk Assessment:

We have carried out an assessment of any potential harm to a child while availing of our services. Below is a list of risks identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

RISK IDENTIFIED	PROCEDURE IN PLACE TO MANAGE RISK
Safeguarding Children	All staff*, volunteers and tutors have read and signed the Safeguarding Children Policy of WLD.
Staff, Volunteers & Tutors	All staff*, volunteers & tutors are Garda vetted and aware of all relevant policy and procedures. They are also aware of the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) and Mandated Persons.
Training	All staff*, volunteers and Tutors have completed appropriate training including ‘Children First’ E Learning Programme (Health Service Executive)
Health & Safety	All staff*, volunteers & tutors have read and are informed of the Health & Safety policy of WLD.

4. Procedures:

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed 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 the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:

- Procedure for management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/ volunteers of a child 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 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.
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person.

All procedures are available upon request.

5. Implementation:

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing 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 service. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed by January 31st 2019, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed:



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Relevant Person under the Children First Act 2015.

** Inclusive of those employed under CE, TUS, JI & RSS*