

# Child Safeguarding Statement

Kilkenny Local Authorities Leisure Complex Ltd

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*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'*

## Scope:

Sporting activities for children: recreational swimming, swimming lessons, swim camps, multi-activity camps, birthday parties, teen gym sessions, teen fitness classes, school swimming lessons, school activity sessions and sports days.

## Statement:

- The Watershed is committed to full compliance with **Children First** legislation by ensuring that it creates the safest environment possible for the children and young people availing of its facilities.
- The Watershed Management and Staff will adhere to best practice consistent with the **Children First** legislation.
- The Watershed will liaise with all Club and Group users to ensure that they understand the potential risks and they have their own safeguarding guidelines in place.
- Parents and guardians of children need to understand the potential risks and take all steps possible to minimise and ideally eliminate any periods when the children in their care may be unsupervised while attending The Watershed.

## Risk Assessments:

- All risks that occur are managed and assessed on a regular basis by the C.E.O. and Watershed staff.
- A full list of Risk Assessments is available from the Designated Liaison Person on request.

## Procedure:

- The Watershed 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 facilities and services.
- In addition to the procedures listed in our Risk Assessments, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our services:
  - Management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers by a child availing of our service
  - Safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers who work with children
  - Provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm
  - Reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla
- A list of the persons (if any) in the relevant services who are mandated persons, is maintained by the Designated Liaison Person (Gillian Robinson Walsh).

## Review:

The Watershed recognises that implementation is an on-going process. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on **March 1st 2020**, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which this statement refers.

For queries, please contact **Gillian Robinson Walsh**, Designated Liaison Person under the **Children First Act 2015**.

**Signature:** .....  
Gillian Robinson Walsh

**Date:** .....