



Safeguarding Statement

Nature of service

We are a provider of Community Care, First Aid and Nursing Services, Youth development and training in Pre-hospital Emergency Care Council approved courses, We promote a partnership approach between our senior members and young people to support these young people in learning valuable skills, gaining external qualifications and making positive decisions for the future with employment opportunities gained from courses taught.

Principles to safeguard children from harm

The safety and welfare of children is everyone's responsibility.
The best interests of the child should be paramount. Parents have a right to respect and should be involved in matters that concern their child Children have a right to be heard and consulted in matters that may affect them

Risk Assessment

In line with Children First Guidance we have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services, both as member of Order of Malta or being cared for through our First Aid / Nursing services.

Mandated Persons

List of mandated person can be made available on request from Dr Jack Collins at cmo1@orderofmalta.ie
This includes all our Doctors, Nurses, Paramedics, Advanced Paramedics and EMTs on their respective registers, as well as paid employees in our Headquarters.

Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, the *Children First Guidance*, and Tusla's *Child Safeguarding: A guide for policy, Procedure and Practice* and also Children (NI) Order 1995 In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures are in place.

- Guidance for dealing with allegations of abuse or misconduct against volunteers/ workers, of a child availing of our service.
- Safe Recruitment Process
- Safeguarding Training Programme
- Guidance on Reporting concerns to the Statutory Authorities as defined by current legislation.

Appointment of relevant person

If you have any enquiries in respect of this statement our relevant person is
Catherine Purcell
Contact - Inspectorate@orderofmalta.ie

Implementation

We recognise the implementation is an ongoing process. Order of Malta Ireland 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, both as members and others. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed in February 2020 or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.