



1. **Name of service being provided:** New Ways Safeguarding Ltd.

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

- New Ways Safeguarding provides therapeutic assessments, evaluations and intervention for children and young people who have or may have experienced trauma. We also provide training and psychoeducational input for carers/parents/professionals to assist with child wellbeing and care as well as assessments in regard to ability to protect. We are committed to safeguarding the children that come into contact with our service and to providing a safe environment for them.
- Our service believes that the welfare of the children attending our service is paramount. We are committed to child-centred practice in all our work with children.
- We are committed to upholding the rights of every child and young person who attends our service, including the rights to be kept safe and protected from harm, listened to, and heard.
- Our policy and procedures to safeguard children and young people reflect national policy and legislation and are underpinned by *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children*, DCYA, 2017, *Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Practice and Procedure*, Tusla, 2018, and the *Children First Act 2015*.
- Our guiding principles and policy declaration applies to all paid staff, volunteers, and students on work placement within our organisation. All staff, volunteers and students must sign up to and abide by the policies, procedures and guidance encompassed by this policy declaration and our child safeguarding policy and accompanying procedures.
- We will review our child safeguarding statement and accompanying child safeguarding policies and procedures every 2 years or sooner if necessary, due to service issues or changes in legislation or national policy.
- **Designated Liaison Person (DLP)** for Child Protection

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3. Risk Assessment

The Children First Act, 2015 defines risk as: “any potential for harm to a child while availing of the service.” The Act defines harm as follows: “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.”

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

	Risk identified	Procedure in place to manage identified risk
1	Risk of Harm to a child from a member of staff	Pre-employment checks All staff undertake Garda vetting Professional Standards of PSI and BPS Code of Behaviour for Staff HSE Child Protection and Welfare Policy Policies, Protocols and Procedures regarding safe practice and service delivery Ongoing Staff Supervision and Training
2	Risk of Harm or Concern not being recognised or reported	Staff information, supervision and training Reporting procedure 'An introduction to Children First' mandatory eLearning for all staff

4. Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement and guiding principles have 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*. 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 the 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; All staff have completed the Tusla eLearning module – *Introduction to Children First*

- 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 listed are available upon request.

5. Implementation

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 service.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 31st January 2020, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.



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