

The Windmill Medical Centre

Windmill Lane New Street

Skerries

Co. Dublin

Date Policy Passed - 22/06/2018



Child Safeguarding Statement -

The Windmill Medical Centre is a GP Practice providing Primary Medical Care to Adults and Children. This is in the form of primary personal and continuing care to all age groups at Windmill Lane, New Street, Skerries, Co. Dublin. We have daily contact with children necessitating physical examinations. We in the practice are committed to safeguarding children as a core part of our work. Children will be accorded equal respect to all other patients but their physical safety is primarily the parent/guardian's responsibility while on the premises.

In accordance with the requirements of the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017, Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements, the Partners of The Windmill Medical Centre have agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Deirdre Ormond

The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Lorraine Farrell

The Partners of The Windmill Medical Centre recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of GP Care and must be reflected in all of the Practices policies & procedures. The Windmill Medical Centre will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:

The Practice 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 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 protection and welfare matters
- adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect;
- fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

The practice will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult patient with a special vulnerability.



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1 The following procedures/measures are in place:

- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse of misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing of our service (private discussion with complainant, and referral onwards to Tusla).
- In relation to the selection or recruitment of staff and their suitability to work with children, the Practice adheres to the statutory vetting requirements of the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 to 2016.
- In relation to the provision of information and, where necessary, instruction and training, to staff in respect of the identification of the occurrence of harm the Practice-
 - Has provided each member of staff with a copy of the practice's Child Safeguarding Statement;
 - Ensures all new staff are provided with a copy of the practice's Child Safeguarding Statement;
 - Encourages staff to avail of relevant training;
 - Encourages Partners to avail of relevant training; and
 - The Practice Manager maintains records of all staff and Partners training.
- In relation to reporting of child protection concerns to Tusla, all personnel are required to adhere to the procedures set out in relation to mandated reporting under the Children First Act 2015.
- In this Practice the Partners have appointed the above named DLP as the "relevant person" (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) to be the first point of contact in respect of the child safeguarding statement.
- All registered GP's are mandated persons under the Children First Act 2015.

2 This statement has been published on the Practice's website and has been provided to all personnel. It is readily accessible to patients & guardians on request. A copy of this Statement will be made available to Tusla and the Department, if requested.

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- 3 This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which this statement refers.

This Child Safeguarding Statement was adopted by the Partners of the Windmill Medical Centre on 22/06/2018 and will be reviewed on 01/07/2018

Signed: *Deirdre Ormond* Signed: *Lorraine Farrell* Signed: *Claire Connolly* 20068
Dr. Deirdre Ormond Dr. Lorraine Farrell Dr. Claire Connolly

Date: 25/6/18 Date: 21/6/18 Date: 22/6/18

Date of next review:

01/07/2019

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Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment (of any potential harm)

Risk Identified	Procedure to manage risk
1. Unaccompanied Minors attending doctor or nurse.	All people under 15 years need to be accompanied by a parent, guardian or other adult verbally designated to us by the parent or guardian. People 15-18 are encouraged to have parental consent and knowledge of their visit here.
2. Unaccompanied children in waiting room.	Where possible children should accompany their parent to the doctor/nurse room but if this is impractical e.g. due to lack of space or privacy, then another family member should be present if possible in the waiting room. The reception staff cannot be responsible for such children.
3. Physical risk in the waiting room or clinical room.	A risk assessment has been carried out and hazards identified and minimised as far as possible but again the parent/guardian are primarily responsible for maintaining the child's safety on the premises
4. Unaccompanied physical examination of minors	Physical examinations of minors will only take place with parent or guardian present and aware of reason for examination.
5. Other risks as brought to our attention by the public	We will endeavour to assess and manage any other risks as far as possible

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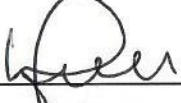
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Important Note: It should be noted that risk in the context of this risk assessment is the risk of "harm" as defined in the Children First Act 2015 and not general health and safety risk.

In undertaking this risk assessment, the Partners have endeavoured to identify as far as possible the risks of harm that are relevant to this practice and to ensure that adequate procedures are in place to manage all risks identified. While it is not possible to foresee and remove all risk of harm, the practice has in place the procedures listed in this risk assessment to manage and reduce risk to the greatest possible extent.

This risk assessment has been completed by the Partners on 21/6/18. It will be reviewed as part of the Practice's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed: 
Dr. Deirdre Ormond

Signed: 
Dr. Lorraine Farrell

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Dr. Claire Connolly

Date: 25/6/18.

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Date: 3/7/18

Date of next review:

01/07/2019