

UCD MARIAN SAFEGUARDING RISK ASSESSMENT JUNE 2020

Following the full commencement of the Children First Act 2015 the Club is now required to carry out a Safeguarding Risk Assessment in relation to the potential for harm and abuse that could come to children while they are in the Club's care and attending Club activities.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 11 (1) **the risk assessment is the risk of abuse to a child and not general health and safety risk.**

1. Focus on Club & Coaching Practices

Potential risk of harm to children arising from:	Required Policy, Guidance or Procedure	Further Action Required?
Supervision Issues E.g. Are levels of supervision adequate or are children left in vulnerable situations	Child Safeguarding Policy: Each team should have a minimum of one coach and a parent as manager. Training of juvenile teams should not take place with a lone coach, where there is a single coach available a parent must attend as observer in rotation.	Email to parents and coaches about the importance of proper behaviour here
Drop-off & Collection at training times	Primarily parental responsibility but the Club can have a role here	Email to parents and members about the importance of proper behaviour here and requesting that parents of children under the age of [15?] ensure that arrangements are made for them to be promptly collected at the conclusion of sessions.
Travelling & Away Trips	Child Safeguarding Policy: Parents should arrange travel for their own child. Club volunteers should not travel on their own with young players to away games	Email to parents and members about the importance of proper behaviour here
Harm not recognised by adult club members	Child Safeguarding Policy	Raise coach awareness: Advise of availability of training; provide guidelines; induction pack

2. Focus on Complaints & Discipline

Potential risk of harm to children arising from:	Required Policy, Guidance or Procedure	Further Action Required?
Lack of awareness of a Complaints & Disciplinary policy	Complaints & Disciplinary Policy & BI Policy	Publish on website
Complaints not being dealt with seriously	Complaints & Disciplinary Policy & BI Policy	Publish on website
Difficulty in raising an issue by child and/or parent or coach	Child Safeguarding Policy – Child Welfare Officer appointed	Publish on website

3. Focus on Facilities

Potential risk of harm to children arising from:	Required Policy, Guidance or Procedure	Further Action Required?
Unauthorised access to the gym / changing rooms / toilets etc.	Parents and coaches are requested to remain vigilant in respect of who enters these areas. Parents should not enter the changing rooms. Because parents of visiting teams must have access and the doors need to be open for fire safety and to enable latecomers to arrive it is not possible to exclude arrival of persons to the building as a whole.	Email to parents and coaches .

4. Focus on (A) Club Communications & (B) Social Media

Potential risk of harm to children arising from:	Required Policy, Guidance or Procedure	Further Action Required?
No communication of Child Safeguarding Statement & Policy to members / coaches / visitors	Child Safeguarding Statement & Policy	Publish on website + Attach to email.
Unauthorised photography & recording of activities	Child Safeguarding Policy & B.I. Policy	Email.
Inappropriate use of social media by under 18's	B.I. Policy	Email
Inappropriate use of social media by over 18's	B.I Policy	Email.

5. Focus on Recruitment

Potential risk of harm to children arising from:	Required Policy, Guidance or Procedure	Further Action Required?
Recruitment of inappropriate people	Child Safeguarding Policy & Garda Vetting Policy in place & visible. Also enforced. Volunteer Database exists, maintained. Should all new volunteers make a formal application? BI recommends this	Publish on web Updating & Sharing with appropriate personnel Review Template application form available
Lack of training for coaches / volunteers		Review Safeguarding Training Policy for Coaches & Volunteers?

6. Focus on Reporting Procedures

Potential risk of harm to children arising from:	Required Policy, Guidance or Procedure	Further Action Required?
Lack of knowledge of club and statutory reporting procedures	Reporting Procedures / Policy	Publish on web
Child Protection Officer not appointed and/or not visible	Child Safeguarding Policy – Child Welfare Officer appointed.	Publish on web

Designated Liaison Person not appointed and/or visible	Child Safeguarding Policy – Designated Liaison Person appointed.	Publish on web
Role of CPO & DLP not clear	The CPO has appropriate Safeguarding Training	Roles to be clarified

This Safeguarding Risk Assessment has been discussed and completed by UCD Marian Club Executive on 25/6/2020 and will be reviewed regularly and no later than June 2022

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