

Child Safeguarding Statement for Swim Ireland, Regions and Performance Centres

Swim Ireland provides aquatic sporting activities and opportunities for young people through participation in clubs, regional events and through our national teams. Swim Ireland, to include swimming, diving and water polo activities carried out nationally, in its regions and Performance Centres, is committed to safeguarding children. Swim Ireland operates under the guidance of our Safeguarding Policies and all staff, both volunteers and employed who work with our young people, seek to create a safe environment for young people to participate in their sport.

Swim Ireland's written Risk Assessment document indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring, and gives the required policy, guidance or process documents required to alleviate these risks. The identified risks are listed in the Risk Assessment under the following headings: NGB and Coaching Practices; Complaints & Discipline; Reporting Procedures; Use of Facilities; Recruitment; Communications; and General Risk of Harm. Each Swim Ireland affiliated Club undertakes a separate written Club Risk Assessment. The Swim Ireland Risk Assessment was undertaken on 8th March 2018

Swim Ireland's Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, (the Children First: National Guidance, and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice). Each Swim Ireland affiliated Club publishes their own Club Child Safeguarding Statement.

Swim Ireland operates in line with our Safeguarding Policies. There are, in addition to our Risk Assessment document described above, further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities:

- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteers against a child availing of our activities
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities
- Procedures for access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm
- Procedure for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities

The Mandated Person for Swim Ireland is:

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We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Swim 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 activities.

The Swim Ireland Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed by 8th March 2020.

CEO

Signed: 

Date: 8th March 2018

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Relevant Person

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For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact the Relevant Person