



CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Hockey Ireland provides various sporting activities and opportunities for young people through participation in clubs, regional/provincial events and through our national teams.

Kinsale Hockey Club is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of Hockey Ireland's Safeguarding Policies our staff, both volunteers and employed, working with our young people, throughout the organisation, seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop.

In working with young people in hockey our first priority is the welfare of young people and we are committed to providing an environment that will allow participants to perform to the best of their ability, free from abuse, neglect, bullying and intimidation.

Kinsale Hockey Clubs' written Risk Assessment document indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring, and gives the required policy and guidance or process documents require to alleviate these risks.

The list of risks identified are contained in the following categories: Club and Coaching Practices; Complaints; Discipline; Reporting Procedures; Recruitment; Communications; and General Risk of Harm.

Our 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).

In addition to our Risk Assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.

Kinsale Hockey Club has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

- 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

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We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our Club 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.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on November 9th 2022.

For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact Kieran Harte (Child Welfare Officer)