



Child Safeguarding Statements



Under the Children First Act 2015 (ROI), if your organisation is providing a relevant service, you must develop a written Child Safeguarding Statement (CSS) that specifies the service being provided and the principles, that a child availing of the service is safe from harm.

The obligations of the CSS are:



To promote the paramourncy principle and that the welfare of the child is core within the relevant service provider.

To highlight, post development of the Risk Assessment, whether a child or young person could be harmed while using the service.

To include both the written risk assessment and the procedures that are in place.

To appoint a relevant person to be the first point of contact in respect of the organisation's Child Safeguarding Statement.

What to expect within a Child Safeguarding Statement:

SECTION 1 & 2: Club Information & Principles to Safeguarding Children from Harm

- ▶ Highlighting the club or organisations details as well as the principles that staff and volunteers should adhere to within your organisation.

SECTION 3: The Risk Assessment

- ▶ Input details from your Risk Assessment that you completed PRIOR to creating your CSS. Be sure to link each identified risk with the policy or procedure that helps manage that risk.
- ▶ Ensure you have the date of which your risk assessment was completed highlighted in the document.

SECTION 4: Procedures

- ▶ List all further safeguarding procedures as well as those listed in your Risk Assessment that you follow in relation to safeguarding children within your services.
- ▶ Ensure that all procedures available on request.
- ▶ Input the the name of the Relevant Person for your CSS here.

SECTION 5: Implementation

- ▶ Include the date of which your CSS will be reviewed.
 - CSS must be reviewed every 24months
 - If changes have been made to the risk assessment or club/organisations policies, the CSS must be reviewed as soon as possible
- ▶ Ensure someone on behalf of the club/organisation signs and dates the statement.
 - This signature cannot be typed.
- ▶ The relevant person for the CSS contact details must also be highlighted here.



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