

## Child Safeguarding Statement Marino Institute of Education

- 1. Name of service being provided:** Marino Institute of Education – a higher education institution located at Griffith Avenue, Dublin 9.
- 2. Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm**

Marino Institute of Education (MIE) is a teaching, learning and research community committed to promoting inclusion and excellence in education. At Marino, students and staff are members of a dynamic teaching and learning community who support one another in the service of a common mission. This mission expresses the tradition of care through education established by Blessed Edmund Rice. With almost 1000 students, MIE provides undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in education and related areas. MIE has a thriving conferencing facility with conference, meeting rooms and sporting facilities suitable for small and large scale events.

In accordance with the requirements of the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017 and Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements, the Governing Body of the MIE has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.

The Governing Body has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the relevant Child Protection Procedures as part of this overall Child Safeguarding Statement.

Key personnel:

The relevant person is: Dr Seán Delaney

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is: Dr Julie Uí Choistealbha

The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is: Mr Cian O Raghallaigh

The Governing Body recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of Institute life and must be reflected in all of the Institute's policies, procedures, practices and activities.

The Institute will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare.

The Institute 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.

### 3. Risk Assessment

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services. This is available in Appendix 1.

### 4. Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017)*, and Tusla's *Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice*. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:

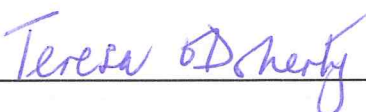
- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing of our service;
- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children;
- Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm;
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla;
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons;
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person.

All procedures listed are available upon request.

### 5. Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an on-going process. Our service 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 service.

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 the statement refers.

Signed: 

[ on behalf of Marino Institute of Education ]

For queries, please contact Dr Seán Delaney ([sean.delaney@mie.ie](mailto:sean.delaney@mie.ie)), Relevant Person under the Children First Act 2015.