

UCD Marian Child Safeguarding Statement

UCD Marian (“the Club”) is committed to safeguarding children and, by working under the guidance of a Child Safeguarding Policy, the Club volunteers seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop.

The Club has undertaken a written Safeguarding Risk Assessment which indicates areas of potential risk of harm and outlines the required policy and guidance required to alleviate these risks. That risk assessment forms part of this child safeguarding statement and should be read in conjunction with this statement. A copy of that risk assessment and this statement are available on request.

Risks identified are categorised under the headings: Club and Coaching Practices; Complaints & Discipline; Use of Facilities; Club Communications & Social Media; Recruitment and Reporting Procedures.

The Safeguarding Risk Assessment was undertaken on 25/6/2020

This Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with the requirements of the Children First Act 2015 and Tusla’s Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice.

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

UCD Marian has the following procedures in place as part of its Child Safeguarding Policy:

- Procedures for the safe recruitment of volunteers to work with children in the Club. All such volunteers are required to apply for Garda vetting.
- Procedures for access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm
- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by Club volunteers against a child availing of Club activities
- Procedures for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities

The Club recognises that implementation of these procedures is an ongoing process and is committed to the implementation of this Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support the Club’s intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of its activities.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed regularly and no later than June 2022.

Vincent Diffley has been appointed by the executive board as a first point of contact in respect of this statement and can be contacted at emailvincentdiffley@gmail.com phone 0874376792 in the event that concerns about the safety of any child in the club arises.

Where appropriate, on foot of such reports or where other grounds for suspicion arise, the information concerned will be reported to the Child and Family Agency.

Michael Brosnan,

Club Chairperson

Date: June 2020

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