

Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment

SERVICE NAME:

RehabCare Respite Care - Our centre-based respite care services provide adults and children with disabilities with the opportunity to take a holiday, while at the same time providing the families/carers with a break from full-time caring. Our philosophy is to provide a home-from-home setting, making it an enjoyable and relaxed time for the individual in an environment where the family can be confident that their family member's needs are being well catered for.

STATEMENT

We are committed to actively safeguarding the welfare and protection of all children who come in contact with us. We are also responsible for ensuring the welfare and protection of staff members who provide our services.

It is the duty of our employees, and all those involved with our organisation, to take all reasonable measures to prevent or reduce the risk of abuse occurring for every person they come into contact with. We acknowledge that, as an organisation, we are responsible for ensuring that all legislation and statutory guidance concerning protection is adopted and complied with. This includes the Children First National Guidance. In all that we do, we recognise that the best interests of the child are of paramount importance.

SAFEGUARDING MEASURES

We have assessed the risks to children who have contact with this service and put the following control measures in place:

SAFETY STATEMENT

Rehab Group's Safety Statement describes how the RehabCare health and safety management system operates. Risks addressed in this comprehensive document include fire, environmental hazards, emergency planning, etc.

INCIDENT REPORTING

All incidents that occur within our organisation are managed and reported on. This process allows us to monitor and learn from events. We report incidents to HIQA, the HSE and the Clinical Indemnity Scheme as required by regulation and agreement. Details of the incident reporting process are described in the Rehab Group Safety Statement.

COMPLAINTS

Complaints and feedback from service users and stakeholders are welcome. They provide an opportunity for us to improve services and to address shortcomings. The Rehab Group Complaints and Compliments Policy and associated procedures describe how we do this.

TRAINING

Our training department assess the training needs of staff including those relating to safeguarding. Training is provided where a need has been identified.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk assessments are performed to enable staff to identify and address risks. They cover areas such as Health and Safety, safeguarding, trips away, etc.

PROTECTION POLICY / DLOs

The Rehab Group Protection Policy and procedures assist staff in the identification and reporting of safeguarding concerns. This process is supported by a network of Designated Liaison Persons, with a national Designated Liaison Officer.

The policy also describes how we fulfil our HR responsibilities as they relate to safeguarding, including how accusations against our staff are managed. The policy and procedures have been informed by, and are compliant with, all relevant legislation and guidelines.

RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Our recruitment and selection process seeks to ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to actively safeguard the welfare and protection of children who have contact with the organisation.

CODE OF PRACTICE

Our code of practice outlines acceptable and unacceptable practice for staff in respect to their interactions with children.

DATA PROTECTION

We comply fully with all statutory Data Protection responsibilities. They are outlined in the Rehab Group Data Protection Policy and procedures.

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Title	Name	Contact Details
Service Manager		
Regional Manager		
Designated Liaison Person		
Complaints Officer		
Local Duty Social Work Team		
Ombudsman for Children		1800 20 20 40
Mandated Persons*		

*A mandated person is a person that due to their profession or role within this organisation has special responsibilities relating to Child Safeguarding as laid out in the Children First Bill 2014

DIRECTOR STATEMENT/ MANAGER STATEMENT

Having considered potential risks to the children we support and to children in the wider community, we believe that the above controls adequately and proactively address these identified risks.

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES:

Signed:

Date:

SERVICE MANAGER:

Signed:

Date: