

Music for Galway Child Safeguarding Statement

1. Name of service being provided:

Music outreach to children in various forms

2. Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm

Workshops with children / vulnerable adults in which they are familiarised with instruments.

Rehearsals in preparation for a performance as part of a performance

3. Risk Assessment

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services including the area of online safety when accessing the internet. Below is a list of the areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

	Risk identified	Procedure in place to manage identified risk
1	Made to feel exposed, uncomfortable when asked to sing/perform in the group	We select facilitators with a track record in working with children
2	Come to harm when in rehearsal situations with large groups of people	We ensure that enough teachers and parents are in place to safeguard the children when in these situations
3	Be groomed / inappropriately approached by our facilitators	All facilitators / artists / musicians who come in regular contact with the children are Garda Vetted. If the contact is incidental or one-off, we ensure that it is in a safe environment with supervision by trained people.
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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 these procedures are listed within the MfG *Child Protection and Welfare Policy and Procedure* document and is 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 on 6 June 2024, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

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