



ParkCeltic Summerhill Child Safeguarding Statement

ParkCeltic Summerhill is a soccer club operating in the NorthEast Football League (NEFL) for Adults and the North Eastern Regional League (NERL) for underage. The club offers sporting activities to adults and young people from the age of 5 years to adult.

ParkCeltic Summerhill is committed to safeguarding children by working under the guidance of our Safeguarding Policies and Procedures. Our club members, coaches and volunteers working with children and young people, throughout the organisation, seek to create a safe and fun environment for children and young people to participate in this sport.

The Club's written Risk Assessment document indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring, and gives the required policy, guidance or process documents required to alleviate these risks.

The list of risks identified are contained in the following categories:

- Club and Coaching Practices
- Complaints & Discipline
- Reporting Procedures
- Use of Facilities
- Recruitment
- Communications & Social Media
- General Risk of Harm

The list of procedures for managing these risks is available on request. The Risk Assessment was undertaken on the 24th June 2020.

The ParkCeltic Summerhill Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, (the 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 the ParkCeltic Summerhill Risk Assessment document, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.

ParkCeltic Summerhill has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

- Procedures for the safe recruitment and selection of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities;
- Code of Conduct, for Coaches, Players and Parents, which requires signature to evidence understanding and compliance
- Procedures for the provision of and 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 volunteers or employees against a child availing of our activities;
- Procedure for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities;

All procedures/policies listed above are available on request.

The Child Welfare Officer for ParkCeltic Summerhill is John Skerry. ParkCeltic Summerhill is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the accompanying child welfare safeguarding policies and procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while participating in our activities.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 24th June 2022 or as soon as practicable after there has been material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

This statement has been published at the clubs dressing rooms and will be available on the club's website.

This statement has been provided to all volunteers, staff and any other persons involved with the service. This statement is readily accessible to parents and guardians on request. A copy of this Statement will be made available to Tusla and members of the public if requested.

Barry Heffernan

(ParkCeltic Summerhill Club Chairman)

Signed & dated

For queries on this child welfare statement please contact John Skerry Tel 087 250 4306