

Child Safeguarding Statement

The Crea Centre is a wellbeing centre providing Yoga and Pilates Classes to children from 3 years old to 18 years and counselling in family and individual setting up to the age of 18 years. In accordance with the requirements of the Children First Act 2015 and Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements, the manager and users of The Crea Centre have agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.

- 1 The Crea Centre has adopted and will implement fully and without modification Child Protection Procedures as part of this overall Child Safeguarding Statement
- 2 The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is **Ms. Martina Meegan**
- 3 The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is **Ms. Anne Mc Donagh**
- 4 The centre recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of centre life and must be reflected in all of the centre's policies, procedures, practices and activities. In its policies, procedures, practices and activities, the centre will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:

The centre 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;
- develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children; and
- fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

The centre will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult pupil with a special vulnerability.

- 5 The following procedures/measures are in place:
 - In relation to any service provider working in the centre who is the subject of any investigation (howsoever described) in respect of any act, omission or circumstance in respect of a child attending the centre, the centre adheres to the relevant and current legislation as outlined in the Children First Act 2015.
 - In relation to the selection or recruitment of staff and their suitability to work with children, the centre adheres to the statutory vetting requirements of the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 to 2016 and to the wider duty of care guidance set out in relevant Garda vetting.

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- In relation to the provision of information and, where necessary, instruction and training, to staff in respect of the identification of the occurrence of harm (as defined in the 2015 Act) the centre-
 - Has provided each service provider with a copy of the centre's Child Safeguarding Statement
 - Ensures all new service providers are provided with a copy of the centre's Child Safeguarding Statement
 - Encourages service providers to avail of relevant training
 - Encourages all providers of services in the centre to avail of relevant training
 - The centre manager maintains records of all service providers training
- In this centre the manager Martina Meegan is appointed as DLP as the "relevant person" (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) to be the first point of contact in respect of the child safeguarding statement.
- In accordance with the Children First Act 2015, the centre has carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while attending the centre or participating in centre activities. A written assessment setting out the areas of risk identified and the centre's procedures for managing those risks is attached as an appendix to this statement.
- The various procedures referred to in this Statement can be accessed via the centre's website, at reception area or will be made available on request by the centre.

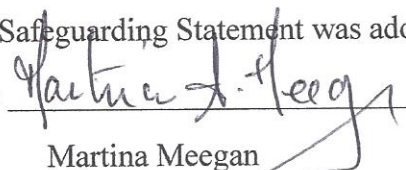
Note: The above is not intended as an exhaustive list.

- 6 This statement has been published on the centre's website and has been provided to all members of centre personnel. It is readily accessible to parents and guardians on request. A copy of this Statement will be made available to Tusla if requested.
- 7 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 this statement refers.

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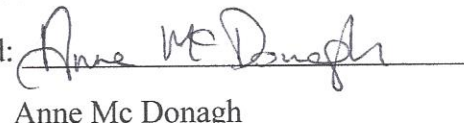
This Child Safeguarding Statement was adopted by The Crea Centre on 30/10/2018

Signed:


Martina Meegan

Manager, The Crea Centre

Signed:


Anne Mc Donagh

Registered Counsellor

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