Children First Safeguarding Statement

Name of service being provided:

General Medical Practice

Nature of service and principles to safeguard children against harm:

We provide primary care medical services in the community and perform diagnostic tests and arrange further management for medical issues. We understand that child safety and welfare is of the utmost importance.

In the course of our duties, all our clinical and non-clinical staff remain committed to be alert to any concerns of child neglect or abuse, either current, historical or potential, and remain up to date with recommended training and education by Tusla under the Children First Act 2015.

Risk assessment

We have carried out a risk assessment of the potential for a child to come to harm while availing of our services.

Risk(s) identified: Procedure in place to manage identified risk:

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| Physical harm | Clear walkways without trip hazards. Sharps boxes are on the wall out of reach. |
| Emotional harm | Staff training and awareness on interactions with children, to make the environment a welcoming and safe space to be open and honest. |
| Fire | Clear fire safety protocols with recommended fire prevention and safety equipment |
| Infectious | Regular daily disinfecting of surfaces, isolation of anyone with a suspected serious communicable disease, and prompt cleaning of any biohazardous spills or bodily fluids. No soft toys in the building. |
| Risk from caregivers | Vigilance and up to date children first training for all staff |

Procedures:

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children

First Act 2015, the Children First: National Guidance, 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 procedures listed are available upon request.

Implementation:

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing 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 06/03/25, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

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