

## UCD MARIAN SAFEGUARDING RISK ASSESSMENT FEB 2018

Following the full commencement of the Children First Act 2015 the Club is now required to carry out a Safeguarding Risk Assessment in relation to the potential for harm and abuse that could come to children while they are in the Club's care and attending Club activities.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 11 (1) **the risk assessment is the risk of abuse to a child and not general health and safety risk.**

### 1. Focus on Club & Coaching Practices

Potential risk of harm to children arising from:	Required Policy, Guidance or Procedure	Further Action Required?
Supervision Issues E.g. Are levels of supervision adequate or are children left in vulnerable situations	Child Safeguarding Policy: Each team should have a minimum of one coach and a parent as manager	Review next season - In the event that a coach doesn't have an assistant present should a "parent on the bench" rota, or similar, be implemented?
Drop-off & Collection at training times	Primarily parental responsibility but the Club can have a role here	Email to parents about the importance of proper behaviour around drop-off and collection Academy parents to be asked to drop children into the gym and collect from it. (Also sign-in to be considered)
Travelling & Away Trips	Child Safeguarding Policy: Parents should arrange travel for their own child.  Club volunteers should not travel on their own with young players to away games	Email to parents about the importance of proper behaviour in relation to travel arrangements.  Coach education
Harm not recognised by adult club members	Child Safeguarding Policy	Raise coach awareness: Advise of availability of training; provide guidelines; information pack; induction material

**2. Focus on Complaints & Discipline**

Potential risk of harm to children arising from:	Required Policy, Guidance or Procedure	Further Action Required?
Lack of awareness of a Complaints & Disciplinary policy	Complaints & Disciplinary Policy & BI Policy	Publish on website
Complaints not being dealt with seriously	Complaints & Disciplinary Policy & BI Policy	Publish on website
Difficulty in raising an issue by child and/or parent or coach	Child Safeguarding Policy: Child Welfare Officer appointed	

**3. Focus on Facilities**

Potential risk of harm to children arising from:	Required Policy, Guidance or Procedure	Further Action Required?
Unauthorised access to the gym / changing rooms / toilets etc.	Use of facilities by all club members restricted to the main hall area only. Signage in place.	

**4. Focus on (A) Club Communications & (B) Social Media**

Potential risk of harm to children arising from:	Required Policy, Guidance or Procedure	Further Action Required?
No communication of Child Safeguarding Statement & Policy to members / coaches / visitors	Child Safeguarding Statement & Policy	
Unauthorised photography & recording of activities	Child Safeguarding Policy & B.I. Policy	Social Media Policy
Inappropriate use of social media by under 18's	B.I. Policy	Social Media Policy
Inappropriate use of social media by over 18's	B.I Policy	Social Media Policy

**5. Focus on Recruitment**

Potential risk of harm to children arising from:	Required Policy, Guidance or Procedure	Further Action Required?
Recruitment of inappropriate people	Child Safeguarding Policy & Garda Vetting Policy in place & visible.  Volunteer Database exists, maintained & GDPR compliant  All new volunteers make a formal application	
Lack of training for coaches / volunteers		Raise coach awareness: Advise of availability of training; provide guidelines; information pack; induction pack

## 6. Focus on Reporting Procedures

Potential risk of harm to children arising from:	Required Policy, Guidance or Procedure	Further Action Required?
Lack of knowledge of club and statutory reporting procedures	Reporting Procedures / Policy	Publish on web
Child Protection Officer not appointed and/or not visible	Child Safeguarding Policy – Child Welfare Officer appointed.	Publish on web
Designated Liaison Person not appointed and/or visible	Child Safeguarding Policy – Designated Liaison Person appointed.	Publish on web
Role of CPO & DLP not clear	The CPO has appropriate Safeguarding Training Roles clarified for members.	

This Safeguarding Risk Assessment has been discussed and completed by UCD Marian Club Executive on **20/02/2018** and will be reviewed regularly and no later than February 2020

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