



Beechwood Football Club

Company Limited by Guarantee

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Child Safeguarding Statement

Beechwood FC is a football club operating on a local scale, providing sporting activities and opportunities for children and young people. The club offers sporting activities to children and young people from the age of 6.

Beechwood FC is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of the FAI Safeguarding Policies our volunteer staff, working with our young people, throughout the organisation, seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop.

Beechwood FC'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 require 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; and General Risk of Harm.

The Risk Assessment was last reviewed in August 2022.

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 our Risk Assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.

Beechwood FC has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

- Procedures for the safe recruitment of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities, including Garda Vetting
- Procedures for 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 staff or volunteers against a child availing of our activities
- Procedure for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities

The Mandated/Relevant Person for the Club is Marcus Keane.

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our Club 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 activities.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed by 31st July 2024.

Signed: *Marcus Keane*

Date: 18th August 2022

(On behalf of Beechwood FC)

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The following contacts for statutory agencies may also be useful:

- Information on contacting TUSLA directly with a child welfare concern is available at <https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/parents-and-guardians/how-do-i-report-a-concern-about-a-child/>
- Information on contacting An Garda Síochána directly is available at <https://www.garda.ie/en/contact-us/>

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