

Child Safeguarding Statement (for Northern Ireland Clubs)

Swim Ireland provides aquatic sporting activities and opportunities for young people through participation in clubs, regional/provincial events and through our national teams. Swim Ireland and our Club is committed to safeguarding children. Our Club operates under the guidance of the Swim Ireland Safeguarding Policies and all staff, both volunteers and employed who work with our young people, seek to create a safe environment for young people to participate in their sport.

This 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 require to alleviate these risks. The identified risks are listed in the Risk Assessment under the following headings: Club and Coaching Practices; Complaints & Discipline; Reporting Procedures; Use of Facilities; Recruitment; Communications; and General Risk of Harm.

The Club Risk Assessment was undertaken on 14/4/18 (date)

This Club's Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with best practice requirements under Children First: National Guidance (2017), and Co-operating to Safeguard Children and Young People in Northern Ireland (2017).

Our Club operates in line with the Swim Ireland Safeguarding Policies. There are, in addition to our Risk Assessment document described above, further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities:

- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteers against a child availing of our activities
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities
- Procedures for access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm
- Procedure for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities

The Mandated Person with responsibility for reporting for Swim Ireland is:

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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 every two years from the date of signing.

Contact details for Club

Name: Simon Urry (Compliance Officer)

Club Chairperson

Signed:  _____

Date: 4/4/18

Name: John McMullan

Club Children's Officer

Signed:  _____

Date: 4/4/18

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For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact the Club Children's Officer

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