

**St. Gabriel's
Springfield Drive, Dooradoyle
Limerick**

Child Safeguarding Statement



**St. Gabriel's
Designated Liaison Person**

Contact Numbers: 061-302733 087-0524190

**Maura Walsh
Social Work Team Leader**



1. NAME AND NATURE OF SERVICES WE PROVIDE

Our Child Safeguarding Statement applies to the following St. Gabriel's services- Early Intervention and School Age services, Hydrotherapy services, Orthotics services and additional St. Gabriel's staff, volunteers and students.

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Maura Walsh, Social Work Department.

The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL) is Nellie Murphy, Social Work Department.

The Relevant Person for St. Gabriel's Child Safeguarding Statement is Máire O'Leary, CEO.

2. OUR PURPOSE AND PRINCIPLES TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN FROM HARM

St. Gabriel's staff believe in the potential of every child and young person. Our services operate with the belief that all children and young people with disabilities must be treated with respect and dignity, are listened to and must have their views taken into consideration.

We believe that the welfare and protection from harm of children and young people is of paramount importance to each and every staff member in everything we do. Our staff take all reasonable care to ensure that children and young people attending St. Gabriel's are safe from harm and abuse of any kind .

3. RISK ASSESSMENT

St Gabriels has completed an assessment of the potential for harm to children and young people attending our services, a risk register is maintained. Harm in this context is related to assault, ill-treatment or neglect of a child or young person that seriously affects or is likely to seriously affect a child or young person's health, development or welfare or where there is a disclosure or concern of sexual abuse of a child or young person.

The risk register identifies the risks and potential risks of harm and lists the procedures, policies and practices that help reduce or eliminate these risks.



4. PROCEDURES

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with the requirements under the Children First Act 2015, Children First National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children, 2017 and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice, 2017. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children and young people while they are availing of St. Gabriel's services.

Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of staff ,volunteers and students to work with children.

Procedure for maintaining a list of people in St Gabriels who are mandated persons.

Procedure for the management of allegations or misconduct, against staff or volunteers, of a child or young person availing of our services.

Procedure for reporting child protection and welfare concerns to Tusla.

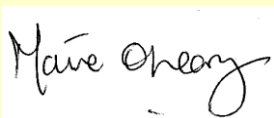
Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm.

5. IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

We are committed to the ongoing implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and to developing the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our services. Our Statement will be displayed in the relevant areas of St. Gabriel's and will be available to all parents and staff.

Our Child safeguarding Statement will be available on www.stgabriels.ie to be accessible to all parents and staff.

St. Gabriel's Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed by March 31st 2024, or as soon as practicable, should there be a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.



Signed:

Máire O Leary, CEO and Relevant Person

Ratified with St. Gabriel's Board of Directors on 2nd July 2021.



St. Gabriel's Services Child Protection and Welfare Concern Form

CHILD'S NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ DATABASE NO: _____ DOB: _____

Date and time of observation of concern	
Details of concern/incident/allegation	
Details of any contact/discussion with parent(s)/carer(s) of concern(if appropriate)	
Parent(s)/Carer(s) account of same	
Signature and Role/ Profession of person making concern	Print Name _____ Signature _____ Profession/Role _____ Date: _____
Form given to Designated Liaison Person in sealed envelope	Designated Liaison Person Signature: Date received by DLP:
Action taken by Designated Liaison Person	
Details of feedback to referrer ,where appropriate.	
CEO/Manager informed	Date:

Form is filed in child's Designated File coordinated with the Social Work Department

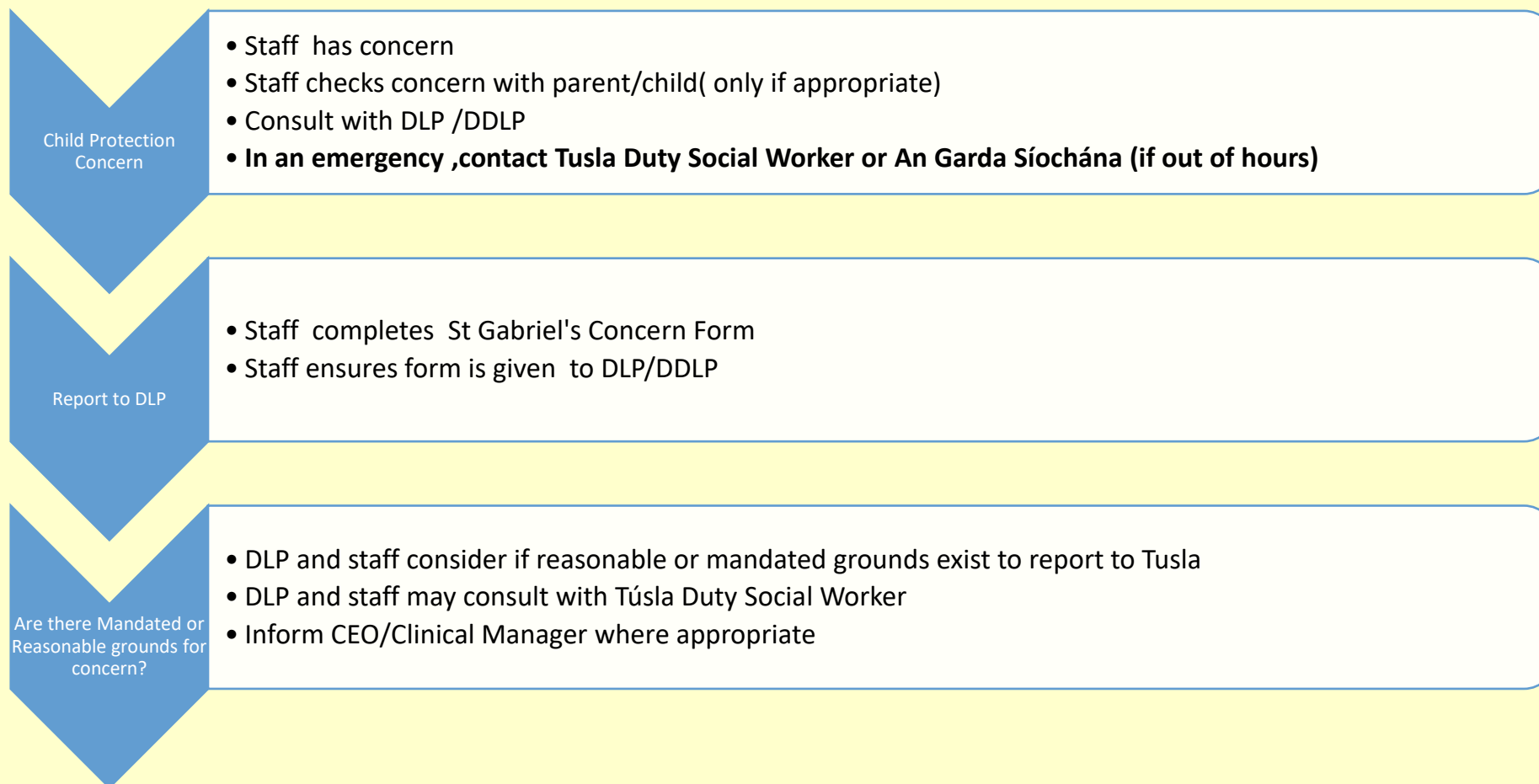
Note: All relevant St Gabriel's Services Child Safeguarding Policies, Procedures and Concern Form are available in:

Shared/ Public/Policies and Procedures/St Gabriel's Policies and Protocols/Child Safeguarding Policies and Procedures

Child Protection & Welfare Report Procedure

For all staff & mandated persons.

1. Reporting procedures for Child Protection or Welfare concern



2. There are Mandated or Reasonable Grounds for Concern.

DLP Actions

- Complete Tusla Child Protection and Welfare Report Form and forward to Tusla
- Copy of Tusla Report entered onto Designated File
- Inform parents of report to Túsła, unless doing so would further endanger the child or staff or impact in a criminal investigation

Follow up Action

- Staff/DLP/DDLP continue to monitor
- DLP/DDLP/Staff members partake in mandatory assisting with Túsła where necessary
- Record of Designated File inserted on child's /young person's main file and electronic file

Concern involves employee of St. Gabriel's Services

- DLP/DDLP notifies CEO- to adhere to St Gabriel's protocol for allegations against staff
- DLP/DDLP/staff follow protocol for reporting to Tusla

Concern involves child who attends in co-located school

- DLP/DDIP informs School DLP of concern in relation to the child or young person.
- DLP/School DLP consider proportionate sharing of detail of concern
- Where the concern involves a member of the school staff, school's DLP must be informed of the nature of the concern.

3. There are no Mandated or Reasonable grounds for concern.

DLP Actions

- Concern is recorded by DLP
- DLP informs staff member who raised the concern that it is not being reported

Follow up Action

- If Staff remains concerned, they should report to Túsla in their own right . Staff should inform the DLP/DDLP of this so to ensure safe recording and continued monitoring for the child/young person

St. Gabriel's Child Protection and Welfare Concern Contact Details

Designated Liaison Person (DLP)

Maura Walsh (Social Work Team Leader). **Contact:** 061-302733 087 0524190

Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLDP)

Nellie Murphy (Social Worker). **Contact:** 061-302733 087-049 5259

Tusla Duty Social Work: In absence of DLP/DDLP or in an Emergency

Limerick

Limerick Duty and Intake Social Work, Roxtown Health Centre, Old Clare St., Limerick.

Contact: 061-483097/98

Clare

Clare Duty and Intake Social Work, River House, Gort Road, Ennis, Co Clare.

Contact: 061-588688

North Tipperary

North Tipperary Duty Social Work, Civic Offices, Limerick Road, Nenagh, Co Tipperary.

Contact: 061-588688

The Duty Social Work service to be contacted will depend on the child/young person's home address

For all Child Protection and Welfare Concerns, Out Of Hours or In An Emergency: Contact Local Garda Station or visit www.garda.ie (in accordance with the child/young person's home address)