



CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

The Jack & Jill Children's Foundation

In accordance with the Children First Act 2015

Name of Service

The Jack & Jill Children's Foundation provide in home nursing care and respite support to children from birth to seven years of age with severe learning disability associated with complex medical needs. We also provide end-of-life care to all children under seven years of age irrespective of their diagnosis. We also provide a family day once a year and catch up and connect coffee mornings for families to come together.

Description of Service

Jack & Jill delivers in home nursing care and respite support in family homes throughout Ireland. Services are provided by registered nurses, carers and other personal working in partnership with families to support children with complex medical needs. Support includes home nursing, respite care, end-of-life care, family support and organised family events.

Principles of Safeguard Children from Harm

The Jack & Jill Children's Foundation is committed to safeguarding all children who use our services.

The welfare and safety of every child is paramount. We recognise our responsibility under the Children First Act 2015 to protect children from harm while they are availing of our services.

Our safeguarding practice is informed by:

- Children First Act 2015
- Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children
- Child Care Act 1991
- National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012–2016

- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Relevant Data Protection legislation

This statement applies to all employees, registered nurses, volunteers, Board members, contractors, students and any person carrying out work on behalf of The Jack & Jill Children's Foundation.

Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

This Child Safeguarding Statement is informed by an assessment of the potential risk of harm to children while receiving services from The Jack & Jill Children's Foundation.

Risk Identified	Procedures in Place to Manage the Risk
Risk of harm by a member of staff, volunteer or contractor	Safe recruitment procedures; Garda Vetting; Code of Behaviour; Child Safeguarding Policy; induction; supervision; mandatory safeguarding training.
Risk arising during one-to-one home nursing/respite care	Professional nursing standards, safeguarding procedures; regular management oversight. Due diligence completed on caregivers – Garda Vetting, reference checks, qualification checks
Failure to recognise or report child protection concerns	Mandatory Children First training; Designated Liaison Person (DLP); reporting procedures; supervision; ongoing safeguarding education.
Risk of harm to children with disabilities and complex medical needs	Child and Family centered care; specialist nursing practice; safeguarding guidance; regular assessment and supervision.
Allegations made against staff or volunteers	Procedures for managing allegations; immediate referral to the DLP; reporting to Tusla and An Garda Síochána where appropriate.
Family events involving children	Appropriate supervision; safeguarding procedures; staff and volunteer briefing; reporting arrangements.
Online communication, photography or social media	Social media guidance; confidentiality procedures; GDPR compliance; appropriate professional boundaries.
Information sharing and safeguarding records	Secure record management; GDPR compliance; restricted access to safeguarding records.

A detailed Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment is maintained by the Foundation and is available on request.

Procedures

- Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures.
- Procedures for reporting child protection and welfare concerns to Tusla and An Garda Síochána.
- Procedures for Mandated Persons under the Children First Act 2015.
- Appointment of a Designated Liaison Person (DLP) and Deputy DLP.
- Safe recruitment and Garda Vetting procedures.
- Mandatory safeguarding training and refresher training.
- Procedures for responding to allegations against personnel.
- Secure recording and management of safeguarding concerns.
- Complaints procedures relating to child safeguarding.
- Ongoing review of safeguarding risks, policies and procedures.

Relevant Person

The Relevant Person appointed for the purposes of this Child Safeguarding Statement is:

Designated Liaison Person (DLP)

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Implementation

The Jack & Jill Children's Foundation recognises that implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement is an ongoing process.

We are committed to reviewing this Statement every three years, or as soon as practicable following any material change to legislation, national guidance or the services provided by the Foundation.

Prepared by: Head of Nursing

Approved by: Chief Executive Officer

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