

SVP CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Blessed Contardo Ferrini - Knockadoon

SVP provides educational and recreational activities and services to children under 18 years of age nationally through our network of Regions and local Conferences.

SVP is committed to safeguarding children by working under the guidance of our national safeguarding policies and procedures. Our members, non-member volunteers and staff are committed to creating a safe environment for children and young people to grow and develop.

Blessed Contardo Ferrini - Knockadoon has conducted a specific written risk assessment and child safeguarding statement in line with Children First Act 2015, Protection for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998, NVB Act 2012 and 2016, Children First Guidance 2017 and Tusla Guidance on Developing a Child Safeguarding Statement.

South West Region

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The service provides a residential holiday in July for 80 – 110 children aged between 7 and 12 and weekend breaks on occasion for smaller groups.

The written risk assessment indicates the areas of potential harm, the likelihood of harm occurring, and lists the required policy, guidance, process and practice required to alleviate the risks.

Risks are identified in the following categories:

- Recruitment and Selection
- Induction
- Reporting Concerns
- Intimate Care
- Specific Needs
- General Risk of Harm

RISK	LIKELIHOOD	POLICIES TO CONTROL RISK
RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION	Low	Recruitment process. Garda Vetting Policy.
INDUCTION	Low	SVP induction policy for members. Child Protection Policy.
REPORTING CONCERNS	Low	CPT Training every 2 years. Child safeguarding officer. Record keeping.
INTIMATE CARE	Medium	Health and Safety Policy. Child Protection Policy.
SPECIFIC NEEDS	Medium	Information for Parents. Assessment of Children Referred.
GENERAL RISK OF HARM	Medium	Health and Safety Policy. Child Protection Policy. Anti-Bullying Policy.

In addition to this service/activity risk assessments the following procedures are in place throughout SVP as part of our safeguarding policies and procedures:

- Procedures for managing allegations of abuse or misconduct by volunteers or employees against a child availing of our services.
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of volunteers or employees to work with children in our services.
- Procedures to access child safeguarding training, including the identification and reporting of harm.
- Procedures for reporting child protection and welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities.

Blessed Contardo Ferrini - Knockadoon recognises that implementation is an ongoing process – we are committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm.

The Relevant Person for this Child Safeguarding Statement is:
Ailish O'Connell

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on:
June 2020

