

## SVP CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

### ST COLMANS YOUNG SVP CONFERENCE

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.

St Colmans Young SVP Conference 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.

St. Colman's Young SVP Conference  
Heritage Centre, Main Street, Carrick-On-Suir, Tipperary  
A Conference providing educational, **leisure and social activities to children**

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 and Training
- Reporting Concerns
- Conduct- Volunteers, Staff, Students
- Technology and Social Media
- General Risk of Harm
- Management and Leadership
- Outings

RISK	LIKELIHOOD	POLICIES TO CONTROL RISK
Recruitment and Selection	Low	Recruitment Policy
Induction and Training	Low	Recruitment Policy
Reporting Concerns	Low	Safeguarding Policy
Conduct- Volunteers, Staff, Students	Low	Code of Conduct
Technology and Social Media	Medium	Technology and Social Media Policy
General Risk of Harm	Low	Health and Safety Policy
Management and Leadership	Low	Safeguarding Policy
Outings	Low	Safeguarding 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.

St. Colman's Young SVP Conference 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 Persons for this Child Safeguarding Statement are:

*Ivana Kolic-YDO, Dennis Keyes- Conference President*

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on:

11<sup>th</sup> March 2020