

SVP CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

The Sunshine Fund Conference

Child Jesus of Prague

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.

Each SVP Children’s Activity or Service will conduct 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.

East Region
Conference: The Sunshine Fund (Child Jesus of Prague)
Off season: SVP House, 2nd Floor, 91-92 Sean McDermott Street, Dublin 2
During season (June – August): Sunshine House, Church Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin
Relevant Person: Patrick Cagney
Week long, volunteer led, overnight residential holidays for 7-10 year olds.

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:

| RISK | LIKELIHOOD | POLICIES TO CONTROL RISK |
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| Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by a member of staff/volunteer/peer. | Low-Medium | <p>SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups (Section 3 Safe Recruitment & Selection, Section 4 Safeguarding Training, Section 5.1.6 Safe Supervision, Section 5.1.7 Code of Behaviour for Participants, Section 5.1.8 Ratios, Section 5.3 Managing Trips Away, Section 6 Safe Management of Employees & Volunteers).</p> <p>SVP Policy on Recognising & Reporting Welfare & Protection Concerns About Children & Adults Who May Be Vulnerable.</p> <p>Sunshine House SOP Manual (Section 1.3 Code of Conduct for staff and volunteers, Section 2.2 Assessment of Suitability, Section 3 Standard Operating Procedures Around Volunteers, Section 4.4 Safeguarding, Section 4.7 Dormitories, Section 4.10 Supervision of Children).</p> |
| Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by a visitor to the service. | Low | <p>SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups (Section 6.1 Code of Conduct).</p> <p>Sunshine House SOP Manual (Section 3.2 Induction &</p> |

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| | | Training Volunteers), Section 3.3 Supervision & Management of Volunteers). |
| Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child on outings by a member of staff/volunteer/ stranger/peer. | Low | SVP Policy on Working Safely with Groups (Section 5.1.6 Safe Supervision, Section 5.1.7 Code of Behaviour for Participants, Section 5.1.8 Ratios, Section 5.3 Managing Trips Away, Section 6.1 Code of Conduct). SVP Policy on Recognising & Reporting Welfare & Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable. Sunshine House SOP Manual (Section 1.3 Code of Conduct for staff & volunteers, Section 3 Standard Operating Procedures Around Volunteers, Section 4.6 Transport, Section 4.9 Outings & Activities, Section 4.10 Supervision of Children, Section 4.11 Absconded & Missing Children, Section 4.12 Promoting Positive Behaviour, Section 4.13 Returning Children Home, Section 5.1 Recruitment & Training of House Staff). |
| Risk of Harm of bullying of a child by a member of staff/volunteer/peer. | Low | SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups (Section 5.1.7 Code of Behaviour for Participants, Section 6.1 Code of Conduct). Sunshine House Manual (Section 3 Standard Operating Procedures Around Volunteers, Section 4.12 Promoting Positive Behaviour, Section 4.13 Anti-Bullying). |
| Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child from unauthorised photography. | Low | SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups (Section 5.1.9 Use of Photography, Video and/or Social Digital Media, Section 6.1 Code of Conduct). Sunshine House SOP Manual (Section 3 Standard Operating Procedures Around Volunteers, Section 4.4 Safeguarding, Section 4.10 Supervision of Children, Section 4.17 Photography & Social Media). |
| Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child from online abuse through social media or internet access. | Low-Medium | SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups (Section 5.1.9 Use of Photography, Video and/or Social Digital Media, Section 6.1 Code of Conduct). Sunshine House SOP Manual (Section 3 Standard Operating Procedures Around Volunteers, Section 4.4 Safeguarding, Section 4.17 Photography & Social Media). |
| Reporting Concerns | Low | SVP Policy on Recognising & Reporting Welfare & Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable. SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups (Section 2 Key Roles & Responsibilities, Section 4 Safeguarding Training). Sunshine House SOP Manual (Section 1.4 Glossary – key roles, Section 3 Standard Operating Procedures Around Volunteers, Section 4.4 Safeguarding). |

In addition to this activity's risk assessment 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.
- Procedure for maintaining a list of persons in the relevant services who are mandated persons.
- Procedures for appointing a relevant person for the purposes of the Statement.

SVP and The Sunshine Fund recognise that implementation is an ongoing process and 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:

Patrick Cagney

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on:

1st March 2022