

## 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.

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.

**South West Region**  
**Service: Blessed Contardo Ferrini – Knockadoon Camp**  
**Location: Knockadoon, Ballymacoda, Co.Cork**  
**Relevant Person: Ailish O’Connell – [knockadoon@svp.ie](mailto:knockadoon@svp.ie) - 087 372 2480**  
**Service description: The service provides a residential holiday in July each year for 80 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:

RISK	LIKELIHOOD	POLICIES TO CONTROL RISK
<b>Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by a member of staff/volunteer/peer.</b>	<b>Low</b>	SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups. SVP Policy on Recognising & Reporting Welfare & Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable. Knockadoon Code of Conduct Knockadoon Volunteer Policy. Knockadoon Volunteer Handbook. Knockadoon Volunteer Agreements. Knockadoon Code of Behaviour & Behaviour Management Policy. Knockadoon Camp Policies & Procedures. Knockadoon Parent Handbook. Child friendly code of conduct and complaints procedures Registration and Assessment Policy & Procedures Feedback forms & Procedure
<b>Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by a visitor to the service.</b>	<b>Low/Medium</b>	SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups. Knockadoon Camp Operations Policies & Procedures. Knockadoon Volunteer Handbook. Knockadoon Code of Conduct. Knockadoon Parent Handbook.

		<p>Knockadoon Volunteer Policy. Knockadoon Visitors Policy.</p>
<p><b>Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child on outings by a member of staff/volunteer/stranger/peer.</b></p>	<p><b>Low</b></p>	<p>SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups. Knockadoon Staff Policies &amp; Procedures. Knockadoon Code of Conduct. Knockadoon Parent Handbook. Knockadoon Volunteer Policy Knockadoon Volunteer Handbook. Knockadoon Camp Policies and Procedures. Knockadoon Volunteer Training Programme</p>
<p><b>Risk of Harm of bullying of a child by a member of staff/volunteer/peer.</b></p>	<p><b>Low/Medium</b></p>	<p>SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups. Knockadoon Anti Bullying Policy. Knockadoon Code of Behaviour &amp; Behaviour Management Policy. Knockadoon Camp Policies and Procedure. Knockadoon Parent Handbook. Knockadoon Volunteer Handbook. Knockadoon Volunteer Policy &amp; Procedure.</p>
<p><b>Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child from unauthorised photography.</b></p>	<p><b>Low/Medium</b></p>	<p>SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups. SVP Policy on Recognising &amp; Reporting Welfare &amp; Protection Concerns About Children and Adults Who May Be Vulnerable. Knockadoon Camp Policies and Procedure. Knockadoon Volunteer Policy &amp; Procedures. Knockadoon Parent Handbook. Knockadoon Volunteers Handbooks. Knockadoon Code of Conduct. Knockadoon Children's Complaints Policy &amp; Procedure. Feedback forms &amp; Procedure</p>
<p><b>Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child from online abuse through social media or internet access.</b></p>	<p><b>Low</b></p>	<p>SVP Policy on Recognising &amp; Reporting Welfare &amp; Protection Concerns About Children and Adults Who May Be Vulnerable. SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups. Knockadoon Camp Policies and Procedure. Knockadoon Volunteer Policy &amp; Procedure. Knockadoon Code of Conduct. Knockadoon Volunteer Handbooks. Knockadoon Parent Handbooks. Knockadoon Children's Complaints Policy &amp; Procedure. Feedback forms &amp; Procedure</p>
<p><b>Reporting Concerns</b></p>	<p><b>Low</b></p>	<p>SVP Policy on Recognising &amp; Reporting Welfare &amp; Protection Concerns About Children and Adults Who May Be Vulnerable. SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups Knockadoon Camp Policies and Procedure. Knockadoon Volunteer Policy &amp; handbooks Knockadoon Parent Handbook. DLP FAQ Children's Complaints Policy &amp; Procedure.</p>

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 Blessed Contardo Ferrini, Knockadoon Camp, Co Cork 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:

**Ailish O'Connell**

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on:

**1<sup>st</sup> June 2026**