

## SVP CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

### CROI NA GAILLIMHE HOMEWORK CLUB AND YOUNG HEARTS

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.

<b>Region:</b>	West Region
<b>Service:</b>	Croí na Gaillimhe
<b>Location:</b>	1, Mill Street, Galway
<b>Persons Responsible:</b>	
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<b>Service Description:</b>	A Resource Centre providing activities for children in direct provision, an intergenerational programme and a homework club as well as older people's service, lunch and social club, training, classes, men's group, fáilte Isteach (conversational english), support to asylum seekers with interviews.

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 of harm of a child by a member of staff, volunteer or peer
- Risk of harm of a child by a visitor to the service
- Risk of harm of a child on outings by a member of staff/volunteer/stranger/peer
- Risk of harm of unauthorised collection of children from Homework Club
- Risk of harm of Information on service and how it is operated not given to Parents
- Risk of harm from bullying of a child by a member of staff/volunteer/peer
- Risk of harm of a child from unauthorised photography
- Risk of harm of a child from online abuse through social media or internet access
- Reporting concerns
- Infections and pandemics

RISK	RISK LEVEL	POLICIES TO CONTROL RISK
Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by a member of staff, volunteer or peer	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups (Section 3 Safe Recruitment and Selection).</li> <li>• SVP Policy on Recognising and Reporting Welfare and Protection Concerns about children or Adults who may be vulnerable.</li> <li>• SVP Dignity &amp; Respect Policy</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Volunteer Policy</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Staff &amp; Volunteer Handbook</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Volunteer Agreements</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Code of Conduct</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Ratios Policy</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Parents Handbook</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Registration Procedure</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Behaviour and Discipline Policy</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Comments and Complaints Procedure</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe works on the basis of restorative practice and a problem-solving approach</li> </ul>
Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by a visitor to the service	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Staff &amp; Volunteer Handbook</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Code of Conduct</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Parents Handbook</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe “Critical Incident” Policy</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe “Visitors Policy”</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Drop off and Collection Policy</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Staff &amp; Volunteer Handbook</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Code of Conduct</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Parents Handbook</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe “Critical Incident” Policy</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe “Outing” Policy (including adult child ratio policy, parental consent and check list/risk assessment for all day trips).</li> </ul>
Risk of Harm from bullying of a child by a member of staff/volunteer/peer	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SVP Policy on working safely with vulnerable groups</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Volunteer Policy</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Staff &amp; Volunteer Handbook &amp; Agreements</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Anti Bullying Policy</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Code of Conduct</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Behaviour and Discipline</li> </ul>

		<p>Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restorative Practice Approach</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Parents Handbook</li> <li>• Homework Club Rules</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Comments and Complaints Procedure</li> </ul>
Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child from unauthorised photography	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SVP Policy on working safely with vulnerable groups</li> <li>• SVP Policy on Recognising and Reporting Welfare and Protection Concerns about children and adults who may be vulnerable</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Consent form to take photographs at the enrolment stage</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Volunteer Policy</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Staff &amp; Volunteer Handbook</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Code of Conduct</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Behaviour and Discipline Policy</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Mobile Phone Policy</li> </ul>
Risk of Harm (as defined by the Children First Act 2015) of a child from online abuse through social media or internet access	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SVP Policy on Recognising and Reporting Welfare and Protection Concerns about children and adults who may be vulnerable</li> <li>• SVP Policy on working safely with vulnerable groups</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Volunteer Policy</li> <li>• SVP &amp; Croí na Gaillimhe Social Media Policy</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Staff &amp; Volunteer Handbook</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Code of Conduct</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Mobile Phone Policy</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Behaviour and Discipline Policy</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Comments and Complaints Policy &amp; Procedure</li> <li>• Parents information handbook</li> </ul>
Reporting Concerns	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Childcare Act 1991</li> <li>• Children's first act 2015</li> <li>• Children's first guidance 2017</li> <li>• SVP Policy on recognising and reporting welfare and protection concerns about children or adults who may be vulnerable</li> <li>• SVP Policy on working safely with vulnerable groups</li> <li>• DLP details and Mandated person Information readily available by all</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Volunteer Policy</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Staff &amp; Volunteer Handbook</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Code of Conduct</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Parent's Handbook</li> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Behaviour and Discipline</li> </ul>

		Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Croí na Gaillimhe Comments and Complaints Procedure</li> <li>• Homework Club Steering Committee Terms of Reference</li> </ul>
Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child due to Environmental Health and Safety and Infection Control	Low/Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SVP Policy and CNG implementation policies and procedures around COVID 19</li> <li>• SVP Policy on working safely with vulnerable groups</li> <li>• HSE Guidelines</li> <li>• Health and Safety Risk Assessments</li> </ul>

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.
- All staff, CE participants, volunteers and students are provided with 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.
- All staff with direct contact to children maintain a 2-year Safeguarding training cycle which includes the trainings required in Tusla's Child Safeguarding Training Cycle.

SVP Croí na Gaillimhe 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:**

**Loretta Needham**

**This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on:**

**28/02/27**