

# Child Safeguarding Statement

- 1. Name of service being provided:** \_\_\_Westtrav Bru Bhríde youth Project
- 2. Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm** We provide the following service: For young people, AGED 10-24. Youth drop in club, Monday club, Wednesday youth group, Tuam Arts Academy, Saturday Club, Sporting activities, Outdoor activities.

## 3. Risk Assessment

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services including the area of online safety when accessing the internet. Below is a list of the areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

	<b>Risk identified</b>	<b>Procedure in place to manage identified risk</b>
1	risky uses of social media.	Provide supervision and workshops on risks
2	illegal substance use	Inform young people, workshops on drug\Alcohol Abuse
3	Bullying	Provide support and sign post young people to relevant services,
4	Venues unsafe	Risk assessments carried out, and venues made safe.
5	Mental Health	Supports provided and signposted to relevant services.

## 4. Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017)*, and Tusla's *Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice*. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:

- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing of our service.
- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children.
- Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm.
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla;
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons.
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person.
- Procedure for Garda Vetting in Place

All procedures listed are available upon request.

## 5. Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an on-going process. Our service is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our service.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on March 2025, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed: Stacy Morris (Provider)

For queries, please contact Martin Ward Relevant Person under the Children First Act 2015.