

Ardee/Reaghstown Area Community Games Child Safeguarding Statement

'The welfare and protection of children is paramount to everything that we do'.

Community Games provides various sporting activities and opportunities for young people through participation at local, provincial and national events.

Ardee/Reaghstown Area Community Games is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of our Safeguarding Policies, and our staff, both volunteers and employed, seek to create a safe environment for young people, throughout our organisation, to grow and develop.

Ardee/Reaghstown Area Community Games' written Risk Assessment document indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring, and gives the required policy, guidance or process documents required to alleviate these risks. The list of risks identified are contained in the following categories: Club and Coaching Practices; Complaints & Discipline; Reporting Procedures; Use of Facilities; Recruitment; Communications; and General Risk of Harm.

The Risk Assessment was undertaken on 5 March 2018.

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015 and The Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995. In addition to our Risk Assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.

Ardee/Reaghstown Area Community Games has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteers against a child availing of our activities
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities
- Procedures for access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm
- Procedure for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities

The Mandated Person for Community Games is John Byrne, CEO.

The Relevant Person for Ardee/Reaghstown Area Community Games is Alice Turley.

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our Area 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 activities.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 4 March 2020.

Signed: Alice Turley Date: 05/03/2018

(On behalf of the Ardee/Reaghstown Area Community Games)

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For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact Alice Turley.