

SING IRELAND / CUMANN NÁISIÚNTA NA gCÓR

Child Safeguarding Statement / Ráiteas Cosanta Leanaí



Name of Service: Sing Ireland

Every Child. Every Young Person. Every Voice. A Safe Space to Sing.
Gach Leanbh. Gach Duine Óg. Gach Guth. Spás Sábháilte le Canadh.

Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm

Our Commitment - Ár dTiomantas

Sing Ireland is committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children and young people who participate in our activities.

We believe that:

The welfare of the child or young person is paramount

All children and young people have the right to be safe, respected and heard

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

A child-centred and inclusive approach underpins all our work

Our Work with Children & Young People - Ár nObair le Leanaí agus Daoine Óga

Sing Ireland provides singing and choral education activities for children and young people, including:

- Workshops, rehearsals and performances
- Training programmes and residential events
- Activities involving travel or overnight stays

How We Keep Children Safe - Conas a Choinnímid Leanaí Sábháilte

We will ensure we are fully compliant with the Children First Act 2015. We will adhere to Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017) and to the policies and procedures we have developed including:

A Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures

A Code of Behaviour for staff, artists and volunteers

Safe recruitment, vetting and induction practices

Clear procedures for responding to concerns or disclosures

Appropriate supervision and ratios at all activities

Procedures covering travel, residential, incidents and complaints

Anti-bullying and safe use of images and recordings

All staff, facilitators and volunteers must follow these procedures at all times.

Risk Assessment

	Identified risk	Procedure in place to manage identified risk
1	Risk of harm not being recognised by Sing Ireland personnel	Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training, induction and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm
2	Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by Sing Ireland personnel	All personnel are provided with procedures for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla, including information on the role and responsibilities of the Designated Liaison Person and Mandated Persons.
3	Risk of a young person being harmed by Sing Ireland personnel	<p>Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of staff and volunteers to work with children including procedure for Garda Vetting.</p> <p>Policy for the Supervision/ training and support of staff/volunteers</p> <p>Code of Behaviour for staff/volunteers</p>
4	Risk of harm due to bullying of a young person	Anti- Bullying Policy
5	Risk of harm caused to a young person due to an insufficient number of trained staff present whilst participating on a Sing Ireland event and or in a residential setting	<p>Policy on Adult/Young People Ratios</p> <p>Code of Behaviour for staff/volunteers</p> <p>Procedure for Residentials</p>
6	Risk of continued harm arising from the mishandling of an allegation of misconduct or abuse by a young person against a member of Sing Ireland personnel	Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a young person availing of our service
7	Risk of harm caused by Sing Ireland personnel communicating with young people in an inappropriate manner via	Policy on Communications with young people

	social media, texting, emailing digital device , video app or other manner.	Code of Behaviour for Staff/ Volunteers Policy on Adult/ Young People Ratios
8	Risk of harm caused to a young person by Sing Ireland personnel through inappropriate use of video/ images taken by a staff member/ volunteer or participant whilst attending a SingIreland event	Policy on Use of Images/ video footage of young people Code of Behaviour for staff/volunteers Policy on Interagency Cooperation
9	Risk of harm due to inappropriate use of young people's personal data.	Confidentiality Policy Data Protection Policy
10	Risk of harm to young people from third parties where sharing commercial hostel accommodation and other residential accommodation / facilities for Sing Ireland events	Sing Ireland takes account of safety of young people when booking accommodation – e.g. we ensure separate and contained sleeping facilities for Irish Youth Choir and in our use of accommodation facilities.
11	Risk of harm to young people from third parties when using third party venues for Sing Ireland events and programmes	Sing Ireland currently takes account of the safety of young people when booking third party venues e.g. we ensure facilities such as dressing rooms, toilets etc. in concert venues can be designated solely for the use of young people participating in our programme during the period of our usage.

Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015 and Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017). 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 reporting to Tusla by the provider or by a member of Staff in accordance with Children First
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons in the relevant service who are mandated persons.
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person
- Complaints Policy/Procedures

- Disciplinary/Appeals Procedures
- Procedures for Giving Lifts to Young People
- Policy on including Members aged 18 and over
- Health and Safety Policies and Procedures
- Policy for Informing Parents for mandated and non mandated persons

We recognise that implementation is an on-going process. Sing Ireland 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.

If You Have a Concern - Má Tá Imní Ort

Any concern about the safety or welfare of a child or young person should be reported immediately.

List of mandated persons

Sing Ireland has determined that the designated person and deputy designated person are mandated persons, Dermot O'Callaghan and Jenny O'Connor-Madsen.

Other contacts

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For queries, please contact Dermot O'Callaghan, Relevant Person under the Children First Act 2015. Concerns may also be reported to Tusla - Child and Family Agency, or An Garda Síochána, where appropriate.

Review - Athbhreithniú

Reviewed every 24 months or sooner if required.

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