

# Cian's Kennels CLG

## Child Safeguarding Statement

### 1. The objective of our services:

To bring pets closer to sick children and their families

### 2. Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm:

Our services are provided under the name Cian's Kennels which is located at Templeton Glebe, Killashee, Co Longford, N39 AP04. We will provide kennelling facilities close to Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin. Our objective is to provide this service in a structured, safe, practical way, free of charge to all qualifying families. The welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. The services we provide include:

Full veterinary checks including vaccinations

Transport for pets from home to and from the kennels

Transport for pets to and from the hospital

Supervision of holding kennels at the hospital

Our staff and volunteers engage with adult family members only and do not engage with a child in the absence of their parent/guardian.

### 3. Risk Assessment

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services. 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>   |
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| 1 | Risk of harm of abuse by staff/volunteers                                | Recruitment policy and procedures<br>Garda Vetting<br>Staff & volunteer training<br>Child Safeguarding training & procedures<br>Complaints process<br>Codes of conduct for Directors/staff/volunteers |
| 2 | Risk of abuse by staff and volunteers not knowing correct procedures     | Staff Training<br>Child Safeguarding training & procedures  |
| 3 | Risk of harm from unauthorised visitors to services                      | Staff Training<br>Child Safeguarding training & procedures  |
| 4 | Risk of harm due to misuse or inappropriate use of photographs or videos | Data protection policies<br>Photo/video release form<br>Staff Training  |

## 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.

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 was adopted on 12 November 2021 and will be reviewed at two year intervals and as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

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Evelyn Neary has been appointed as a Relevant Person (for the purposes of the Children First Act 2015) and is the first point of contact in respect of our Child Safeguarding Statement. Evelyn's contact details are:  
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