

CLANWILLIAM INSTITUTE
CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

2018

Clanwilliam Institute is committed to protecting children from harm. Management and staff in this organisation recognise that the welfare of children is paramount and our service endeavours to safeguard children. Clanwilliam aims to create a safe and healthy environment for the young people with whom we work and we are committed at all times to ensure the safety and welfare of children. Clanwilliam operates within the National Children’s First National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children. Clanwilliam believes in promoting the general welfare, health, development and safety of children. The welfare of children is of paramount importance.

Clanwilliam Institute provides family therapy and mediation services for children, adolescents, vulnerable adults and parents / guardians in relation to a wide ranging number of presenting issues.

Clanwilliam Institute provides therapy to children up to (and including) eighteen years old, who present with a variety of issues from a wide range of referral sources including but not limited to self-referral, GP, Hospital, community psychiatric services, Tusla, HSE the Courts, solicitors and other counselling and therapeutic services.

Risk assessment

We have reviewed our policies and procedures to identify any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services. The following is a list of the risks identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

Identified Risk	Procedures in Place to Address Risk
Risk of harm not being recognised by Clanwilliam Staff	Mandatory Staff Training in place. Supervision in place for all therapists and peer supervision for supervisors.
Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by Clanwilliam Staff	Designated Liaison Person identified and known to staff. Clanwilliam provides ongoing child protection training to all staff and volunteers to raise awareness within the organisation about potential risks to children’s safety and welfare. All staff, volunteers, therapists and board members are made aware of their duty to report concerns or disclosures of abuse that they receive in the course of their duties to Clanwilliam’s Designated Liaison Person. Supervision in place for all therapists and peer supervision for supervisors.
Risk of child being harmed on the premises by a member of Clanwilliam staff	Recruitment policies in place and Garda Vetting mandatory for all employees and volunteers. Procedure in place for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against a member of Clanwilliam Staff of a child availing of our service.

<p>Risk of child being harmed on the premises by another service user or visitor to the premises</p>	<p>As per the information provided to all service users at their initial session, the supervision of children is the responsibility of parents/guardians. With parent/guardian consent, the child can be supervised by a member of Clanwilliam staff for a brief period.</p> <p>In cases where a member of Clanwilliam staff is not available to supervise, a break out room is made available to clients for children of a suitable age (to be agreed with parent/guardian). .</p>
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Procedures

Clanwilliam Institute's 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. Clanwilliam Child Protection Policies include:

- 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.
- A code of behaviour for staff and volunteers.
- A safe recruitment procedure.
- A procedure to respond to complaints.
- Have a Designated Liaison Person.
- Provide supervision and support for staff and volunteers in contact with children.
- Share information about the child protection policy and good practices with families and children.
- Reviewing Clanwilliam's child protection policy and practices on a regular basis

All Clanwilliam policies are available upon request.

Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing 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/by **13 February 2020 (created 13 February 2018)**, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Designated Liaison Person

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Mandated Persons as of January 2018

Aileen Tierney	Ines Collins	Susan Bardon
Ailish Hand	Jean Heavey	Susan Miller
Aine O'Reilly	Jennifer Maguire	Therese McDermott
Alan Carr	Jenny Carty	Therese Muldowney
Alice Kelly	Joanna Kesicka	Valerie Downes
Ann McKee	Joanna Sweeney	Valerie O'Brien
Arlene Healy	Joanne Rooney	Valerie Thompson
Bernadette Congdon	Joe McGrann	Veronica Burke
Bronagh McGrath	Kathryn Wilusz	
Bruce Sleeman	Katie Doran	
Caoimhe Butterly	Lana Galkovskaja	
Catherine Rourke	Magdalena Lapinska	
Carmel McGowan	Mara de Lacy	
Carmel O'Hara	Marina O'Brien	
Catrina Scanlan	Mary Ronayne	
Claire Galligan	Matt Bookle	
Claire O'Rourke	Maura Leahy	
Colin Shaw	May Fingleton	
Corry de Jongh	Melissa Keane	
Daragh Bailey	Michael Flanagan	
David McCaffrey	Michelle Doheny	
Declan Moran	Muriel O'Shea	
Deirdre Hayes	Nivard Whelan	
Denis Twomey	Orla Bushnell	
Dermot King	Orlaith Kingston	
Dervil O'Reilly	Pat Moley	
Don Boardman	Paul McLoughlin	
Dorothy Soye	Paul Moloney	
Eithne Kelleher	Ruth Eustace	
Elaine Howley	Sally O'Reilly	
Fidelma Healy	Saoirse Fox	
Fiona Foley	Sarah Boyle	
Graham King	Scott Ahearn	
Grania Clarke	Sheelagh Wilsdon	
Helen Kirwan	Siobhan Brennan	