



CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

The purpose of Ashbourne United Football Club is to promote the development and playing of Association football and the provision of facilities for that purpose. To promote the claims of Association football in an entirely non political, non sectarian and amateur fashion.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are committed to providing an opportunity for all members of our community to develop in a supportive environment.

Ashbourne United Football Club are committed to safeguarding children by working under our Safeguarding Policies-our volunteers working with our young people, seek to create a safe environment for the young people to grow and develop.

Ashbourne United's 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 and Discipline; Reporting Procedures; Use of Facilities; Recruitment; Communications and General Risk of Harm.

The Risk Assessment was undertaken on the 07/06/2019.

Our **Child Safeguarding Statement** has been developed in line with requirements under the Children's First Act 2015 (the Children's First; National Guidance and Tusla's Child Safeguarding; A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practise). In addition to Ashbourne United's Risk Assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.

Ashbourne United has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policy:

- 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.
- Procedures for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities.
- The Designated Liason Person for Ashbourne United is The Club Chairperson and in their absence is Roberta Maguire.
- The Mandated Person for the FAI is Kirsten Pakes.
- We recognize that implementation is an ongoing process. Ashbourne United is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that will support our intention to keep children safe from harm while participating in our activities.

The Child Safeguarding Statement will be revised on the 07/06/2020.

Developed by: Edna Keogh Children's Officer

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Approved by: Ashbourne United Executive Committee

Responsibility for Implementation: All Volunteers and staff.

Responsibility for Review and Audit: Edna Keogh (Children's Officer) & Ashbourne United Executive Committee.

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