

Child Safeguarding Statement

Pieta provides counselling, support and education that is accessible, timely and professional to those experiencing suicidal thoughts, self-harming behaviour and to those impacted by suicide and self-harm.

The safety and welfare of children and young people are a priority for Pieta.

This Child Safeguarding Statement is informed by a risk assessment, undertaken for our services, of any potential for harm (risk) to a child while accessing our services. Below is a list of the areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

Risk Category	Controls
Risk of harm to a child by a member of staff	Child Protection & Welfare Policy Recruitment Policy including Reference Checking & Garda Vetting Complaints Policy Incident Management & Reporting Policy Children First Training
Risk of harm to a child from a client, visitor or member of the public	Child Protection & Welfare Policy Waiting area protocols
Risk of harm to a child due to a child protection or welfare concern not being recognised or reported by a staff member	Child Protection & Welfare Policy Mandatory training "An Introduction to Children First" eLearning for all staff Child Protection Policy Children First included in Employee Induction
Risk of harm to a child due to not implementing the Children First Act and/or related guidance in services	Child Protection & Welfare Policy Appointment of national DLP Appointment of DLP in each Pieta service Governance structure in place Internal Audit

This Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act, Children First National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017), HSE Guidance on Developing a Child Safeguarding Statement and Guidance issued by Tusla – Child and Family Agency.

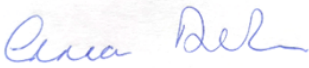
In addition to the policies and procedures named above the following policies and procedures also support our intention to safeguard children availing of Pieta services:

- Risk Management Policy
- Incident Management Policy
- Imminent Risk Policy

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 services.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on May 2026 or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed: 
Emma Dolan Pieta Clinical Director.

Date: 23 May 2024