

## Bluebird Care LRW Child Safeguarding Statement

Bluebird Care is a leading private health and social care service provider in Ireland that offers a range of individual and personalised services to people in the community, including children and young people. Its services, which are personalised and tailored to the needs of each individual client, enable people with complex and specialist needs to continue to live at home with dignity and independence.

This Child Safeguarding Statement is a demonstration of its commitment to keeping all children who come into contact with Bluebird Care's services safe from harm. The safety and welfare of children and young people are key priorities of Bluebird Care LRW

### Risk Assessment

	Risk Identified	Risk Management Measure
1.	Risk of harm to a child from service-user, family member, visitor, or member of the public	Staff supervision and staff training Staff maintaining open channels of communication with Children Supervision and accompaniment of children Public access policy Internal monitoring and audit processes
2.	Risk of harm to a child from a Bluebird Care employee or volunteer	Pre-employment checks: Garda Vetting, professional registration, and standards for healthcare professionals, staff induction, probation, supervision, and training. Complaints procedures Safe care practices in place Staff code of conduct Appropriate staff: child ratios, procedures in place for dealing with allegations against employees Internal monitoring and audit processes
3.	Risk that staff do not know their role and responsibility for safeguarding children	Staff knowledge of Bluebird Care child protection policies and procedures Staff supervision: staff training Internal monitoring and audit processes
4.	Risk that staff do not recognize a concern to a child	Staff knowledge of Bluebird Care child protection policies and procedures Staff supervision: staff training Internal monitoring and audit processes
5.	Risk that internal reporting procedures are not followed	Staff knowledge of Bluebird Care child protection policies and procedures Staff supervision: staff training Internal monitoring and audit processes
6	Risk that external reporting procedures are not followed	Staff knowledge of Bluebird Care child protection policies and procedures Staff supervision: staff training Internal monitoring and audit processes

7.	Risk that written records of concerns are not kept	Staff knowledge of Bluebird Care child protection policies and procedures Staff supervision: staff training Internal monitoring and audit processes
8.	Risk that information is not shared appropriately with children and families and kept confidential	Staff knowledge of Bluebird Care child protection policies and procedures Staff supervision: staff training Internal monitoring and audit processes
9.	Risk of non-compliance with Children First requirements	Children First Governance Structures Children First compliance checklist for section 38/39 funded agencies Internal monitoring and audit processes HSE compliance monitoring and audit of contracted services.

### Implementation

The responsibility of implementing this Child Safeguarding Statement applies to everybody involved in Bluebird Care LRW, including its directors, management team, staff groups, and volunteers. A commitment has been given to display in prominent places on the premises, to share its content with staff, volunteers, customers, and other key stake holders, and to make copies available to service users and their families on request.

A requirement of the Children First Act, 2015 is that all relevant agencies appoint a 'relevant person' to act as a first point of contact in relation to Child Safeguarding Statements.

As part of its implementation, Bluebird Care has appointed **Ollie Daly and Jolanta Daly** as the relevant persons to ensure that all specific risks are identified, and that policies and procedures are developed and reviewed as necessary to manage these risks.

**For further information or to answer questions about this statement contact the relevant persons on 0906491044**

Review: This Child Safeguarding Statement will be formally reviewed every two years, or earlier if there have been any material changes to any matter relating to this Statement.