

1. **Name of Service being provided:** The Children's Sunshine Home, operating as LauraLynn Ireland's Children's Hospice. This includes LauraLynn Children's Hospice and Hazel House Children's Disability Services.
 2. **Nature of Service:** LauraLynn Children's Hospice is committed to safeguarding children from harm and focuses on enhancing quality of life, including physical comfort and well-being, as well as the social, emotional and spiritual aspects of care. We provide a range of practical and emotional supports from diagnosis to end of life, through to bereavement. Care is evidenced based, and provided by an interdisciplinary team of health and social care professionals in the hospice, the family home, the hospital or community setting dependent on the family's preference and medical needs of the child. The Children's Disability Respite Service supports children with complex intellectual and physical disabilities and their families through regular, out of home, planned respite breaks.
 3. **Principles to Safeguard Children from Harm:** We remain true to our core values of Compassion, Collaboration and Excellence. The safety, welfare and development of children and young people is a core objective and key priority for the Service. Every member of staff has a responsibility, and duty of care, to ensure that every child / young person availing of our service is safe and protected from harm (physical/emotional/sexual abuse/neglect). Policies and procedures are in place to promote safe environments for all users in order to mitigate the potential for risk to arise, and to manage it safely, if it arises. Such policies and procedures apply to all LauraLynn and Hazel House staff: employees, trainees, volunteers, contractors and any persons performing a role or function in, or on behalf of the Service.
3. **Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment**

Risk identified	Procedures in place to manage the risk identified
1. Risk of harm to a child / young person from a member of staff / volunteer (Examples may include but not limited to : bullying, rough handling of a child/young person, shouting / chastising, supervision etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-employment checks incl. Garda Vetting Policy Ref 3.29 • Policy on Staff Recruitment Ref 3.1 and Volunteers Ref 3.4 • Professional Standards for healthcare staff • Professional Registration for healthcare staff • Code of Conduct Policy for all staff, Ref: 3.3 • Trust in care policy (HSE) • HSE Child protection and welfare policy (2019) • Staff Induction and Mandatory Training Procedures • Protected Disclosures of Information (Whistleblowing) Policy, Ref: 1.5 • Intimate care policy, Ref: 4.4 • Restrictive practice policy, Ref: 4.8 • Manual Handling policy, Ref: 7.2 • Positioning Care Plans • Incident Management Policy, Ref: 7.4 • Security Policy, Ref: 2.6 • Visiting Children Policy, Ref 4.6
2 Risk of harm to a child / young person from a service user (adult / child), visitor or member of the public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care plans in place and updated • Supervision/accompaniment in place for visitors and members of public – Visiting Children Policy, Ref: 4.6 • Restricted access / Visitor Signing in procedure – badges only • Children First National Guidance • Staff supervision and training
3 Risk of harm by use of unauthorised photography or from online abuse through social media or internet access (Examples of risk include, but are not limited to: poor management of images or recordings of children, including those shared publicly or on social media – use / misuse of digital images	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security Policy, Ref: 2.6 • Mandatory Training • Use of Information Technology, Internet/Data and Email Policy, Ref: 2.5 • Social Media Policy, Ref: 2.4 • Mobile Devices Policy, Ref: 2.7 • Use of Communication Technology in LauraLynn House SOP, Ref: SOP020 • GDPR Procedures Manual, Ref: 2.8 • Code of Conduct Policy for all staff, Ref: 3.3 • Child Protection and Welfare Policy, Ref: 5.1
4 Risk of harm of a child / young person on outings by a member of staff/volunteer/stranger/peer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-employment checks incl. Garda Vetting • Professional standards for healthcare staff • Professional registration for healthcare staff • Code of Conduct Policy for all staff, Ref: 3.3 • Transport Policy, Ref: 8.1 • Risk Management Policy, Ref: 7.1 • Incident Management Policy, Ref: 7.4
5 Risk of abuse by staff and volunteers not knowing correct procedures (Examples of risk include, but are not limited to: not reporting appropriate concerns, non-compliance with Children's First Act and National Guidance)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Protection and Welfare Policy, Ref: 5.1 • Mandatory Children First e-learning training for mandated persons • Identification and responsibilities of the designated liaison persons, including reporting processes identified in policy Ref: 5.1 • Child Protection Audits completed minimum yearly. • Staff information, supervision and training • Complaints and Feedback Policy, Ref: 1.3 • Incident Management Policy, Ref: 7.4 • Legal and administrative consequences for non-reporting

5. **Procedures:**
LauraLynn Ireland's Children's Hospice Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with the requirements under the Children First Act 2015, the *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 the Risk Assessment (Section 4), the following procedures and committees 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 the provision and access to child safeguarding training and information including the identification of the occurrence of harm and reporting procedures for child protection and welfare concerns to Tusla (Ref No: 5.1 Child Protection & Welfare Policy & Ref No: 5.3 Safeguarding and Protection from Abuse Policy).
- Requirement on the Service to identify the mandated persons and ensure they are aware of their responsibilities
- Quality, Risk and Safety Committee
- Appointment of a relevant person - CEO

All procedures will be made available on request.

6. **Implementation:** The CEO is responsible for ensuring that the policies and procedures outlined in the Child Safeguarding Statement are in place and operating effectively. The Service recognises that implementation is an ongoing process. The Service is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm whilst availing of our service. This Child Safeguarding Statement shall be reviewed in August 2024 (every 24 months) or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter, which the statement refers.

Signed: _____
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