

Remember Us Child Safeguarding Statement

1. Name of service being provided:

Remember Us provides a unique social outlet to children and adults of all ages with special needs and their families in North County Dublin and the surrounding areas.

2. Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm:

Remember Us provides services to the children, adults and their families in the form of supervised activities in our purpose built base, supervised outings in the community, family respite breaks and Easter and summer camps.

The safety and welfare of our members is our key priority. All staff and volunteers have a responsibility to ensure that all children and vulnerable adults are safe and protected from harm.

Our staff and volunteers are Garda vetted and receive support and training in supervising and assisting our members. Our building was purpose built with the safety and welfare of our members at its core. A number of policies and procedures have been developed to provide a safe environment and to mitigate any potential risks.

3. Risk Assessment:

Remember Us have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services. We have identified areas of risk and procedures to manage these as identified below.

	Risk identified	Procedure in place to manage identified risk
1	Risk of harm from staff/volunteers.	- All staff and volunteers are Garda Vetted, receive a full induction and must complete Child Protection (Children First) training before working with our members. Training and vetting is repeated at least every 3 years. - Volunteer Policy which volunteers must make themselves aware of and adhere to. - Child/Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy. - Staff procedure for reporting child protection and welfare concerns - It is our policy that at least 2 staff and/or volunteers should always be present with a member during all activities, toilet breaks etc.
2	Risk of harm from another member.	Members are fully supervised and assisted by volunteers and staff endeavour to alleviate harm from one member to another.

3	Risk of harm from accidents.	A Safety statement and risk assessments have been completed to ensure a safe environment for our members.
4	Risk of harm online when accessing the internet	- Supervision while using internet during activities. - No photos or social media on club laptops. - Phone use and use of photography not permitted for members during club times.

4. Procedures

Our 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:

- Volunteer Policy – selection, recruitment, Garda Vetting and training of volunteers
- Recruitment & Selection Policy - selection, recruitment, Garda Vetting of staff
- Safety Statement & Risk Assessments
- Child/Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy – reporting procedures
- Equality Policy
- Data Protection Policy (GDPR)
- Risk Management (Risk Register)
- Complaints Policy

All procedures listed are available upon request.

5. Implementation:

Remember Us 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 in May 2025 or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed:  (Provider)

Date: 04/03/2025

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