



Illistrin Football Club Child Safeguarding Statement

ILLISTRIN FOOTBALL CLUB, in accordance with the FAI Handbook, FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy, other FAI policies, procedures and our legislative requirements, have agreed on this Child Safeguarding statement, which is binding on all members. ILLISTRIN FOOTBALL CLUB is a football club operating on a local scale, providing sporting activities and opportunities for children and young people through participation in clubs. The Club offers sporting activities to children and young people from the age of 5. ILLISTRIN FOOTBALL CLUB has recruited over 40 volunteers with over 200 participants. ILLISTRIN FOOTBALL CLUB is committed to safeguarding children, and by working under the guidance of our Safeguarding Policies and procedures, our staff, both volunteers and employed, working with our children and young people, throughout the Association, seek to create a safe and fun environment for children and young people to participate in their sport.

Principles to Safeguard Children from Harm

This statement recognises that, in accordance with legislation and the requirements of the FAI Handbook, FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy, other FAI policies and procedures, and the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. ILLISTRIN FOOTBALL CLUB is established on several core principles: - the needs of the Child, integrity and respect, environment, equality, fair play, welfare and safety in football. These underlying principles underpin our rules, policies and procedures to ensure that when Children participate in our activities, they do so, as far as is practicable, in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Risk Assessment

In preparing this statement, the ILLISTRIN FOOTBALL CLUB have completed a Risk Assessment of the potential risk of harm to children when they are participating in any of our games and attending our activities. The risks were reviewed under the following headings:

- Club and Coaching Practices.
- Complaints & Discipline.
- Reporting Procedures.
- Use of Facilities.
- Recruitment.
- Communications.
- General Risk of Harm.

The Risk Assessment was undertaken on October 1, 2025. The table below lists the area of Risk identified and the list of procedures and policies for managing these risks



Risk Identified	Procedures/Policies in place	QR Code shortcut
Risk of harm, including assault, ill treatment or neglect of a child in a manner that seriously affects or is likely to seriously affect the child's health, development or welfare or sexual abuse of a child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy • FAI Concern-Complaint policy • FAI Rulebook • Safeguarding training • ILLISTRIN FOOTBALL CLUB Safeguarding Handbook. 	1.FAI Child Welfare & Safeguarding Policy 
Risk of harm or abuse when hosting an activity and or an away trip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy • FAI Concern-Complaint policy • Safeguarding training • ILLISTRIN FOOTBALL CLUB Safeguarding Handbook 	2. FAI Concern-Complaint Policy 
Risk of harm of online abuse through social media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy • FAI Social Media policy • ILLISTRIN FOOTBALL CLUB Safeguarding Handbook 	3. FAI Social Media Policy 
Bullying of a child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy • FAI Concern-Complaint policy • FAI Social Media policy • ILLISTRIN FOOTBALL CLUB Safeguarding Handbook 	4. FAI Handbook 



ILLISTRIN FOOTBALL CLUB Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, (the Children First Act 2015, (National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017), and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice).	<p>ILLISTRIN FOOTBALL CLUB has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 and selection of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities.• Procedures for the provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm.• Procedure for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities.• Procedures for maintaining a list of the persons in the relevant service who are mandated.• Procedure for appointing a relevant person.
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All procedures/policies listed are available on request or on www.illistrinfc.ie/safeguarding, FAI Policies and the FAI Handbook are available on <https://www.fai.ie/about/library>

The Mandated persons are Kirsten Pakes of the FAI, and the Designated Liaison Person for ILLISTRIN FOOTBALL CLUB is Annraoi Cheevers.

ILLISTRIN FOOTBALL CLUB recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our (*Insert Organisation*) is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the accompanying child welfare and safeguarding policies and procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while participating in our activities. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 1st October 2026 or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

This statement has been published on the website ILLISTRIN FOOTBALL CLUB and displayed in a prominent place on the premises.

It has been provided to all staff, volunteers and any other persons involved with the service. It is readily accessible to parents and guardians on request. A copy of this Statement will be made available to Tusla and the public upon request.



Signed: *Annraoi Cheevers* Date: *01/10/2025*
Annraoi Cheevers (Chairperson/Designated Liaison Person)

Signed: *Ciaran McElwaine* Date: *01/10/2025*
Ciaran McElwaine (Club Secretary / Deputy Designated Liaison Person)

Signed: *Greg Devine* Date: *01/10/2025*
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