

Poseidon Lifesaving Club

Child Safeguarding Statement July 2019

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Poseidon Lifesaving Club aims to provide an inclusive range of opportunities to increase participation in lifesaving activities. We recognise the importance of equipping as many people as possible with valuable lifesaving skills to help save as many lives as possible and to help reduce the drowning toll in Ireland.

Poseidon Lifesaving Club operates under the guidance of the safeguarding policies of RLSS UK (<https://www.rlss.org.uk/Pages/Category/safeguarding>) and has been developed in line with the requirements of the Ireland Children First Act 2015 (<https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/children-first-guidance-and-legislation/>).

Poseidon Lifesaving Club is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults at risk and expects everyone involved in the club activity to share this commitment.

Poseidon Lifesaving Club is committed to ensuring that children and adults at risk who participate in its activities including lifesaving, lifeguarding, community awards, education, sports, competitions and any other events have a safe, positive and enjoyable experience.

Poseidon Lifesaving Club's written Risk Assessment document indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring, and gives the required policy, guidance and or process documents required to address these risks.

There are in addition to our Risk Assessment document further procedures, processes and codes that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities:

- Parental Consent Form
- The Code for Young People
- The Code for Parents/Carers
- The Code for Coaches/Teachers
- The Code for Committee Members
- 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 of staff and volunteers to work with our children in our activities

- Procedures for access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities

Poseidon Lifesaving Club is committed to the implementation of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

In support of this commitment, the mandated individuals are as follows:

- The Designated Club Children’s Officer (CCO) is Patrice Dowling
- The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) for ‘Survive & Save’ is Mary Lawlor
- The Designated Deputy Liaison Person (DLP) for ‘Rookies’ is Julie Bond

The Poseidon Lifesaving Club Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed in August 2021.

Signature: -----

Club Chairwoman: Freda O’Kelly

Date:

Signature: -----

Clubs Children’s Officer: Patrice Dowling.

Date: