

JUST ASK CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Date: 07 July 2025

Just ASK is a youth-based organisation that provides educational, social, and developmental support to children and young people in the north-west inner city of Dublin. We are committed to safeguarding the children and young people with whom we work and to ensuring that our services promote their welfare and protection.

1. Nature of Service and Principles to Safeguard Children from Harm

Just ASK provides a range of services and activities to children and young people aged 5 to 18 years, including:

- - An After-School Club
- - One-to-one and group educational support
- - Life skills development programmes
- - Personal development, wellbeing and recreational activities
- - Local and overseas youth development and community outreach projects

We believe that:

- - The welfare of children is paramount.
- - Every child, regardless of age, ability, gender, ethnicity, religion or belief, has the right to be safe.
- - All children have a right to protection from harm, abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
- - Our staff and volunteers have a responsibility to safeguard children and promote their wellbeing.

2. Risk Assessment

We have conducted a risk assessment of the potential for harm to a child while availing of our services. The following risks and procedures have been identified:

Risk Identified	Procedure in Place to Manage Risk
Risk of harm by staff/volunteers	Garda vetting, child safeguarding training, Code of Behaviour
Risk of harm through bullying	Anti-bullying policy, supervision procedures, clear reporting
Risk of inappropriate communications	ICT & social media policy, appropriate use guidelines
Risk of harm during outings or trips	Supervision ratios, parental consent, risk assessments
Risk from other service users	Supervision, behavioural agreements, complaints procedure

3. Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015 and includes the following procedures:

- Procedures for managing allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff/volunteers
- Procedures for the safe recruitment and training of staff and volunteers
- Procedures for reporting child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla
- Procedures for maintaining a list of mandated persons
- A child safeguarding training plan
- Procedures for responding to accidents/incidents
- Complaints procedures for service users and their families

4. Implementation and Review

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed every 24 months or as soon as practicable after a material change in any matter to which the statement refers. The current version is publicly available at our offices and on request.

5. Designated Liaison Person (DLP)

Name: [Insert DLP Name]

Position: [Insert Position, e.g. Youth Services Manager]

Phone: [Insert Phone Number]

Email: [Insert Email Address]

Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP)

Name: [Insert Deputy DLP Name]

Position: [Insert Position]

Phone: [Insert Phone Number]

Email: [Insert Email Address]

Mandated Persons

In line with the Children First Act 2015, a list of mandated persons within Just ASK is maintained and available upon request.