

CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

LAKESIDE FAMILY PRACTICE, NEWPARK PRIMARY CARE CENTRE, NEWPARK UPPER,
KILKENNY, R95 HAC4

We are a General Medical Practice providing primary medical care at Lakeside Family Practice; housecalls and with Caredoc. This is in the form of primary, personal and continuing care to adults and children including those with additional needs and vulnerabilities eg communication difficulties (language barriers or pre verbal), physical and intellectual disabilities, mental health issues and experiences of domestic abuse or other trauma. We have daily contact with children and vulnerable adults necessitating physical examinations. Lakeside Family Practice is committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults and they will be accorded equal respect given to all other patients.

Risk assessments:


This Child Safeguarding Statement is informed by an assessment, undertaken by our practice, of any potential harm/risk to a child while in Lakeside Family Practice.

Below is a list of the areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

Risk Category	Main procedures and controls in place to manage risk identified
Risk of harm to a child by a staff member.	All patients under 16 years need to be accompanied by parent, guardian or other adult verbally designated to us by the parent or guardian. Physical examinations will only take place with parent/guardian present and aware of reason for examination.
Risk of harm to a child from a member of the public.	Children should accompany their parent/guardian into the doctor/nurse room. It is Lakeside Family Practice's policy that children should not be left unsupervised in waiting areas or clinical rooms. Staff are not responsible for unsupervised children.
Physical risk of harm to a child in waiting room or clinical room.	A risk assessment has been carried out and hazards identified and minimised as far as possible. Parents/guardians are responsible for maintaining children's safety on the premises.
Risk of harm to a child due to a child protection or welfare concern not being recognised or reported by a staff member	Mandatory training "An Introduction to Children First" and included in employee induction. List of mandated persons and nominated Relevant Person Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against staff. Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla.
Other risks as brought to our attention by the public.	We will endeavour to assess and manage any other risks as far as possible.

Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our service is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children from harm while availing of our service. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 31/7/2024 or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed 

Dr Carmel Flynn

Relevant Person under the Children First Act 2015