

# Child Safeguarding Statement



## ROSEMOUNT MULVEY FOOTBALL CLUB

**Rosemount Mulvey FC (“the Club”) in accordance with the FAI Rulebook, FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy, other FAI policies, procedures and our legislative requirements have agreed this Child Safeguarding Statement which is binding on all members.** The Club is a football club operating on a local and county 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 4-18 years. The Club recruits over 60 volunteers with over 300 participants. The 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 FAI Rulebook, FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy, other FAI policies and procedures that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. Rosemount Mulvey FC is established on a number of 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 participating in our activities, they do so, as far as is practicable, in a safe and enjoyable environment.

### **Risk Assessment**

In preparing this statement the 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; and General Risk of Harm. The Risk Assessment was undertaken in June 2020 and is due for review in June 2022. The table below lists the areas of Risk identified and the list of procedures and policies for managing these risks.

RISK ASSESSMENT JUNE 2020

Potential Risk of Harm to Children	Likelihood of harm L-M-H	Required Guidance Procedure document	Policy, and	Responsibility Club/Region/National	Further Action required to mitigate risk
<b>COMPLAINTS, DISCIPLINARY AND REPORTING PROCEDURES</b>					
Poor communication of procedures	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Code of Conduct</li> <li>Complaints and Disciplinary policy</li> <li>Training</li> </ul>		Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Better visibility of policies by displaying policies prominently in club house and changing rooms and website.</li> <li>Workshops for parents</li> <li>Improve awareness of code of conduct by coaches</li> </ul>
Complaints not being dealt with in accordance with procedures in place	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Code of Conduct</li> <li>Child Safeguarding Policy</li> <li>Complaints and Disciplinary Policy</li> </ul>		Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of communication of procedures to coaches and parents</li> <li>Points of contact to be made known to parents and coaches</li> </ul>
Lack of awareness of organisational and statutory reporting procedures	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reporting and Appeals procedure</li> <li>Code of Conduct</li> <li>Training</li> </ul>		Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relevant reporting procedures and points of contact to be more visible</li> <li>Improved awareness of code of conduct by coaches.</li> <li>Improve communication of contact details for reporting bodies for coaches and parents</li> </ul>
No DLP appointed at date hereof	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child Safeguarding Policy</li> <li>Code of Conduct</li> </ul>		Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appoint DLP and Deputy DLP.</li> </ul>
Concerns of abuse or harm not reported	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reporting Procedures</li> <li>Code of Conduct</li> <li>Safeguarding Training</li> </ul>		Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve lines of communication and awareness amongst coaches of potential warning signs of abuse and reporting procedures.</li> <li>Publicise DLP and Childrens Officer details</li> <li>Safeguarding Training Level 2 and 3 for DLP and Childrens Officer</li> </ul>

# Child Safeguarding Statement

<p>The Club's Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, (the Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017), and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice).</p>	<p><b>The Club has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteers against a child availing of our activities;</li><li>• Procedures for the safe recruitment and selection of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities;</li><li>• Procedures for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm;</li><li>• Procedure for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities;</li><li>• Procedures for maintaining a list of the persons in the relevant service who are mandated;</li><li>• Procedure for appointing a relevant person.</li></ul>
<p>All procedures/policies listed are available on request. FAI Policies and the FAI Rulebook are available on <a href="http://www.fai.ie/domestic">www.fai.ie/domestic</a></p>	
<p><b>The Mandated person for the Club is Kirsten Pakes of the FAI and the Designated Liaison person is Patsy Melia (087 3657020).</b></p>	
<p>Rosemount Mulvey FC recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our Club 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 01/03/2023 or as soon as practicable after there has been material change in any matter to which the statement refers.</p> <p>This statement has been displayed in a prominent place on the premises and on the Club website <a href="http://www.rmfc.ie">www.rmfc.ie</a></p> <p>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 members of the public if requested.</p>	
<p>Signed: _____ Date: _____</p> <p><i>(Chairman and Designated Liaison Person of Rosemount Mulvey FC)</i></p> <p>For further information on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact Muireann Cody, Children's Officer, Rosemount Mulvey FC on 087 9974851.</p>	