



Procedure Name	La Leche League of Ireland Conference Child Safeguarding Statement		
Frequency of Review	Every 24 months or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.		
Revision History			
Date	Revision History	Amendments	Reviewed by
February 2024	1.0	Adoption of New Child Safeguarding Statement	Glenda Raftery Muhametaj and Lynn Carroll
February 2026	1.1	Review of Child Safeguarding Statement	Glenda Raftery Muhametaj and Lynn Carroll

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Name of Service being provided: La Leche League of Ireland

Nature of Services: La Leche League of Ireland is a non-profit organisation dedicated to supporting mothers who want to breastfeed or provide their infants with human milk. The programme of the Annual Conference sessions take place over a 3 day period including inviting thought provoking speakers, presenting informative talks and workshops to parents, guardians, attendees as well as providing children's activities in a family friendly environment.

Principles to Safeguard Children from Harm: La Leche League of Ireland is committed to safeguarding children and operates under the guidance of La Leche League of Ireland's Child Protection Policy 2024.

We believe the following:

- Our priority to ensure the welfare and safety of every child and young person who attends our service is paramount.
- Our guiding principles and procedures to safeguard children and young people reflect national policy and legislation and we will review our guiding principles and child safeguarding procedures every two years.
- All children and young people have an equal right to attend a service that respects them as individuals and encourages them to reach their potential, regardless of their background.
- We are committed to upholding the rights of every child and young person who attends our service, including the rights to be kept safe and protected from harm, listened to and heard.
- Our guiding principles apply to everyone in our organisation.
- All our Leaders/ volunteers must conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of our organisation.



Risk Assessment: We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services including the area of online safety when accessing the internet. Below is a list of the areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

	Risk Identified	Procedure in place to manage identified risk
1	Risk of harm to a child by a Leader/volunteer of this service	Within the LLL of Ireland Child Protection Policy • Recruitment • Training • Reporting • Supervision
2	Risk of harm to a child by a visitor to this service	Within the LLL of Ireland Child Protection Policy • Reporting • Training • Reporting
3	Risk of harm to a child of lack of Leader/volunteer supervision	Within the LLL of Ireland Child Protection Policy • Reporting • Recruitment • Training • Supervision
4	Risk of harm to a child of bullying	Within the LLL of Ireland Child Protection Policy • Reporting • Training • Supervision
5	Risk of harm to a child of use of unauthorised photography	Within the LLL of Ireland Child Protection Policy • Reporting • Training • Supervision
6	Risk of harm to a child by use of Social Media or the internet	Within the LLL of Ireland Child Protection Policy • Reporting • Training • Supervision
7	Risk to harm to a child by lack of qualification or knowledge of Leader/volunteer of this service	Within the LLL of Ireland Child Protection Policy • Recruitment • Training • Reporting • Supervision



Procedures: Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017), and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:

- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against Leaders/ volunteers of a child availing of our service;
- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children;
- Procedure for provision of and 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 Tusla;
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons;
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person.

All procedures listed are available upon request.



Implementation: We recognise that implementation is an on-going process. Our service is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our service.

As La Leche League of Ireland is a voluntary organisation, we do not have a sole registered provider. The overall governance of La Leche League of Ireland is managed by an Area Council. This is chaired by the Area Co-Ordinator(s) of Leaders who is/are supported by the Area Council of Leaders in all planning, research, education and decision making alongside the wider community of Leaders around the island of Ireland.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 12th February 2028, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

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