

Child Safeguarding Statement

Monkstown Hockey Club is committed to safeguarding children and, by working under the guidance of our National Governing body, Hockey Ireland's, Safeguarding Policies our staff, both volunteers and employed, working with our young people throughout the organisation, seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop. Monkstown Hockey Club has 1000 members and is based in Rathdown School, Glenageary, Co. Dublin and provides hockey (outdoor and indoor) related activities.

Monkstown Hockey Club's written Safeguarding Children from harm Risk Assessment document indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring, and gives the required policy, guidance or process documents require to alleviate these risks. The list of risks identified are contained in the following categories: Club and Coaching Practices; Complaints & Discipline; Reporting Procedures; Use of Facilities; Recruitment; Communications; and General Risk of Harm.

The Risk Assessment was undertaken on the **21st July 2025** and can be viewed alongside this document, together with the recommendations and procedures for managing risk.

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015. In addition to our Risk Assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.

Monkstown Hockey Club has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

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

The Children's Officer for Monkstown Hockey Club is **Anita Duffy**

We recognise implementation is an ongoing process. Our Club is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures supporting our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our activities.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on **1st September 2027**.

Signed: _____

Trevor Watkins, Club President

Date:

Signed: _____

Anita Duffy, Children's Officer

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For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact Anita Duffy
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