

RISK ASSESSMENT: Creating & Maintaining Safe Environments

AREA OF RISK	RISK DESCRIPTION	MITIGATING ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITY Name of Person	DATE to be completed	LIST PRIORITY
1. Unsafe environment within the parish/project for all	Having environments where children/adults are at risk to harm, abuse and exploitation.	Developing and Implementing a Safeguarding Policy. A policy provides clear guidance and demonstrates how you will ensure children/adults at risk are protected from harm, abuse and exploitation.			
2. Those to who the Policy applies - Screen - Training - Behaviour	Levels of contact/interaction staff have with children/adults at risk, is there a possibility that this staff member/volunteer could harm a child/young person/adult at risk? What background knowledge do you have on this person?	Child/adults at risk -safe recruitment and screening processes are essential to enable you to choose the most appropriate person for a position that involves contact with children/adults at risk a) Recruitment of staff/volunteers- Interview plan, documented reference and criminal record checks on staff and volunteers b) Staff have briefing/induction training on safeguarding c) Staff aware of the code of conduct and signed up to it d) Supervision Ratios d) Staff aware of how to report a concern			



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3. Place & Physical Environment					
- Fire exits	Fire Hazard	a) Access to Fire Exits/Fire Prevention training, All staff/volunteers aware of how to deal with fire hazards			
-First Aid	Accident requiring assistance/medical care	b) First Aid supplies, personnel trained in first aid, access to medical care			
- Accommodation	Unsuitable/Unsafe accommodation resulting in accidents, ill-health and harm	c) Meet criteria for safe, accessible accommodation			
- Behaviour within the accommodation	Inappropriate Behaviour/Abusive situation arising between male/female or older/younger child/adults at risk	d) Separate supervised accommodation for males and females. e) Separate, supervised accommodation for older youths and young children/adults at risk f) Develop Codes of conduct for the Children with the children.			



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4. Service & Programmes					
- Supervision	Harm to children/ adult at risk because of lack of adult supervision.	a) Adequate supervision of children/adults at risk during all activities (minimum 2 adults present)			
- Consent - Awareness/Education	Parents/Guardians unaware of whereabouts of children/adults at risk.	b) Consent from Parents/Guardians/Carers for child/adults at risk to attend services & activities.			
	Children/adults at risk unaware of their rights and their right to protection	c) Information communicated with children/young people/adults at risk re rights and safeguards. Codes of Conduct for Children/Adults at risk			
- Health- Organised activities; trips away	Parents/Guardians/Communit y unaware of children's rights	d) Education/Awareness raising for Parents/Guardians/Community			
away	Illness/Accident/Child/Adults at risk on Medication	e) First Aid supplies/access to medical personnel and care			
	Harm to Children/adults at risk because of traveling away from home.	f) Trips away: safe transport, insurance appropriate sleeping arrangements			



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5. Information/Communication - Storage of personal information - Images of children/adults at risk -Social Media	Confidentiality Breaches Inappropriate images of children/adults at risk Misuse of images of children/adults at risk Misuse of Social Media	 a) Adequate, protected storage of all personal data. b) Use of images with consent for the purpose c) Provide appropriate information on use of technology for staff/children/adults at risk d) Information for staff/volunteers on the use of images/information for personal social media 			
6. Partners	Contact with Children/adults at risk in parish/project. Safety of Children/adults at risk in parish/project	a) Understanding of Safeguarding Policy b) Communication with Partners			



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7. Associates - Consultants - Contractors - Service Providers	Contact with Children/adults at risk in parish/project.	a) Induction of Safeguarding Policy			
8. Harm to Children/Abuse of Children/Adults at risk	Children/adults at risk are vulnerable and at risk of harm.	a) Safeguarding Policy/Poster b) Named Safeguarding Person/s & Safeguarding Person c) Reporting Procedures d) Support services e) Awareness raising for Staff/Children/Parents/Guardians/Adults at risk			
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Priority Level:

Priority 1. High, This needs to be in place/actioned within a week.

Priority 2. Medium, This needs to be in place/actioned within two weeks.

Priority 3. Low, This needs to be actioned within one month.