



Promoting Inclusion for People with Intellectual Disabilities

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Child Safeguarding Statement

Kare's Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015 and the Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017.

Kare provides a range of service and supports to children and their families including preschool, early education and development supports, leisure activities and short breaks. Kare's services/buildings may be assessed by children who are:

- Visiting
- On work experience
- Availing of specific supports/participating in Saturday Clubs and Summer Camps

Risk Management

Kare has a comprehensive risk register which is managed in line with Kare's Risk Management Policy. The register includes risk assessments relating to the abuse and non-accidental injury.

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:

All procedures listed are available upon request.

- Child Protection and Welfare Policy including procedure for managing and reporting child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla.
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person - Kare has committed to appointing the Principal Social worker to this role.
- The appointed person and process for appointment for Child protection is identified in the policy in detail.
- Trust in Care Policy which outlines the procedures for managing allegations of abuse by a staff member
- Recruitment and Selection Policy and Volunteer Policy including reference checking and garda vetting procedures.
- Mandatory Introduction to Children first training for all staff on HSEland, including the identification of the occurrence of harm;
- Mandatory Training on Safeguarding Vulnerable persons at risk of abuse for all staff, including the identification of the occurrence of harm;
- Performance Management Policy and Staff Training Policy including procedures for identifying and delivering specific training required for individual staff's roles.
- Procedure for maintaining a list of mandated staff
- Kare's Safety Statement

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- Policies governing provision of day-to-day support e.g. Intimate Care, Safe Administration of Medication, Healthy Eating, Collection of Children who use Kare services and Outings
- Risk management policy

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.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.



Signed: _____
Margaret O'Neill, CEO Kare

Date: November 2025

For queries and information, please contact Kare's Relevant Person under the Children First Act 2015, who is Rosemary Keenan, Kare Support Services, Kilcullen, Co Kildare; Tel: 045 480200.

This statement has been published on Kare's website and is displayed in the service. 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 if requested.

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