

Child Safeguarding Statement

Ennis Sub Aqua Club (ESAC) provides various sporting activities and opportunities for young people through participation in club and regional/provincial events. Working under the guidance of our Safeguarding Policies, ESAC is committed to safeguarding children and creating a safe environment for young people to grow and develop.

ESAC's written 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.

ESAC has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies, based on the Irish Underwater Council 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 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 Relevant Person for Ennis Sub Aqua Club is Susan McNamara, who is Club Children's officer (CCO) and Designated Liaison Person (DLP).

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our committee 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 activities.

This Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, and in accordance with the Children First: National Guidance and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice. It will be reviewed on or before 22 March 2025.

Signed: *Liam Kinsella*

Date: 14th November 2024

On behalf of the Ennis Sub Aqua Club.

Name: Liam Kinsella, Chairperson

For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact Susan McNamara.