

## Mater Hospital Foundation Child Safeguarding Statement 2026

The Mater Hospital Foundation based at 53-54 Eccles St., D07 KH4C is the main fundraising body for the Mater Misericordiae University hospital. The Foundation exists to raise funds to make up the shortfall in healthcare funding. Because where there is a shortfall in funding, healthcare falls short

We are committed to actively safeguarding the welfare and protection of all children who come in contact with the Mater Hospital Foundation. We are also responsible for ensuring the welfare and protection of staff members who work on our behalf. It is the duty of our employees, and all those involved with our organisation, to take all reasonable measures to prevent or reduce the risk of abuse occurring for every person they come into contact with. We are responsible for ensuring that all legislation and statutory guidance concerning protection is adopted and complied with. This includes the Children First National Guidance. In all that we do, we recognise that the best interests of the child are of paramount.

We have completed a risk assessment of the potential harm to children should they be interacting with the Mater Hospital Foundation.

In addition to our risk assessment the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children interacting with the Foundation:

- Garda Vetting of all Mater Hospital Foundation staff
- Tusla/HSE Child Safeguarding training for all staff
- Anti-Bullying Policy.
- Child Safeguarding Policy giving guidance for dealing with and reporting allegations or concerns.

We are committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures contained herein that outline our intention to keep children safe from harm. The Mater Hospital Foundation Child Safeguarding statement has been prepared in accordance with the Children's first act 2015 and the National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017.

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Signed

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