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Sensational Kids Child Safeguarding Statement

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1. Name of service being provided

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2. Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm

Brief description of what our service is, what we do and our commitment to safeguard children)

Sensational Kids provide a range of services to children and adults. These include; Occupational Therapy, Orthoscopic, Speech and language therapy, Reading Skills, Play therapy, Educational Psychology Assessments, Training programmes, retail supplies. Sensational kids directly employ twenty one staff and contracts in a further three.

The Safety, welfare and development of children and young people are a core objective and key priority for Sensational kids. Every staff member has a responsibility and duty of care to ensure that every child/young person availing of and/or attending our service is safe and protected from harm (physical/emotional/sexual abuse or neglect). Sensational kids policies and procedures have been developed to promote safe environments for children and young people; to mitigate the potential for risk to arise; and to manage it safely where it does. The policies and procedures outlined in this Child Safeguarding Statements apply to all Sensational Kids staff (employees, students, trainees, volunteers, contractors and any person performing any role or function in, or on behalf of Sensational Kids). This Child Safeguarding Statement is informed by the following risk assessment.

3. Risk assessment

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services. Below is a list of the areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

Risk identified		Procedures in place to manage risk identified
1.	Risk of harm to the child from a member of staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pre-employment checks - Professional standards for healthcare staff - Professional registration for healthcare professionals - Code of behaviour for staff - Policies, protocols, procedures and guidelines regarding safe practice and service delivery - Consent agreements with parents
2.	Risk of harm to a child from a service user (adult or child), visitor or member of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supervision/accompaniment/admission/public access policies that are relevant to service provision - Staff supervision and training - Reporting procedure
3.	Risk of non-compliance with children's First Act and National Guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children's first governance structure - Children's first compliance checklist
4.	Risk of harm or concern not being recognised or reported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff information, supervision and training - Reporting procedure - Legal and administrative consequences for non-reporting - Mandatory training in children's first to be provided for mandated persons - Consultation with service users: surveys to be completed with parents attending the service on a six monthly basis.

4. Procedures

Our safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the children First Act 2015, the *Children First: National Guidance*, and Tusla's *Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice*. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessments, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:

- Recruitment policies to ensure the selection and recruitment of staff who are suitable to work with children, including garda vetting
- Procedures are outlined in Guiding Principles and Child Safeguarding Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing of our service
- Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm – mandated persons will be provided children's first training. All Designated Liaison Officers will attend the required training.
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla.
- A list of mandated persons will be maintained in each site location of Sensational kids.
- Risk assessments will be completed at staff meetings as often as necessary to assess and manage any risk of harm;
- Therapists trained in Child Protection will be appointed at each Sensational Kids site location. This information will be available on the notice board in each location.

All procedures listed are available upon request.

5. Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing 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 on 01 March 2023, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.



Signed:

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