

SAFEGUARDING RISK ASSESSMENT

This risk assessment considers the potential for harm to come to children whilst they are in the care of this club and gives the required policy, guidance or process documents required to alleviate these risks. This risk assessment has been carried out prior to the publication of the Child Safeguarding Statement (Section 11 (1b) Children First Act 2015). In this context and in accordance with the requirements of *Section 11 (1) of the Children First Act 201, that states "as a*

provider of a relevant service we will undertake an assessment of any potential harm to a child while availing of the service"; the risk is of abuse and not general health and safety risk. This risk assessment is also in accordance with Sport Northern Ireland's Club Framework for Safeguarding Standards in Sport and as such can be used by the IRFU's constituent Provinces and clubs.

The risk assessment indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring, and gives the required policy, guidance or process documents required to alleviate these risks. *The list of risks identified and procedures to manage these risks are listed in relevant categories overleaf and are based on the IRFU Club Action Plan.*

Responsibilities

- The club has **appointed a Club Welfare Officer** to implement the Child Safeguarding Statement and IRFU Safeguarding Policy and to monitor the implementation of the associated Club Action Plan
- The Club Welfare Officer holds the role of Relevant Person for the organisation's Child Safeguarding Statement and links with the nationally appointed Mandated Person of the IRFU
- This risk assessment has been completed with Club Welfare Officer and other members of Club Committee
 - The Committee recorded this risk assessment at the **October 2021 club meeting** and published a Child Safeguarding Statement thereafter.
- All Age-Grade staff and volunteers (e.g. coaches, manager, team assistants) working regularly and continuously with minis or youths (or where their role is a necessary part of working) with young people and/or vulnerable adults have been vetted and have signed the Declaration of Intent.
- The IRFU has a Mandated Person and their contact is listed in the Child Safeguarding Statement.
- The CSS and related policies are available to parents and the public through the Club Welfare Officer

This document was completed by the Club Welfare Officer on behalf of the Club Committee and approved by the Committee in September 2021. On completion of this the club will now complete and publish the Child Safeguarding Statement signed by Officers of the Club



Brendan Roche

Signed by Chairman



Debbie Quinn

Signed by Club Welfare Officer

The Risk Assessment was undertaken in October 2021

and will be reviewed in September 2023 in line with updated

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