



Child Safeguarding Statement



Beaumont Hospital (BH) is a University Teaching Hospital with a mission to deliver safe, effective, patient centred care to service users. The Hospital is committed to promoting the safety and wellbeing of all children/young persons (YP) availing of and/or attending or visiting our services.

Our principles to safeguard children from harm:

All staff have a responsibility and duty of care to ensure that every child/YP availing of our service is safe and protected from harm (physical/emotional/sexual abuse or neglect). The hospital has developed policies and procedures based on Health Service Executive (HSE) policies and procedures to promote a safe environment for children and YP; to mitigate the potential of risk to arise; and to manage it safely where it does. The policies and procedures outlined in this Child Safeguarding Statement apply to all staff (employees, students, trainees, volunteers, contractors and any person performing any role or function in, or on behalf of, the Beaumont Hospital).

Name and address of service:

Beaumont Hospital
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Beaumont Road
Dublin 9

Short description of our service and the activities that we provide

Beaumont Hospital is a large academic teaching hospital on Dublin’s northside. The hospital provides emergency and acute care services across 54 medical specialties to HSE Dublin and the North East region. It is a designated cancer centre and the regional treatment centre for ENT and Gastroenterology. Beaumont Hospital is the National Referral Centre for Neurosurgery, Neurology, Renal Transplantation, and Cochlear Implantation. Hospital services include inpatient scheduled care, unscheduled /emergency care, other specialised services and diagnostic services. St. Joseph’s Hospital, Raheny, is under the management of Beaumont Hospital Board. St. Joseph’s is an acute hospital and provides both medical and surgical in-patient care, day care services, radiology services and inpatient rehabilitation for older persons.

Risks and how we manage them:

This Child Safeguarding Statement is based on our assessment of any potential for harm to a child while using this service. It focuses on risks of harm as defined in the Children First Act 2015 (sexual, physical, emotional abuse and/ or neglect, that seriously affects or is likely to seriously affect a child’s health, development or welfare) and the procedures that are in place to manage those risks. It does not address general clinical or healthcare delivery risks (such as those relating to standards of care, diagnosis, treatment, communication failures or medical error) where no safeguarding from child abuse dimension exists. Those risks are managed through HSE Clinical Governance and the HSE Enterprise Risk Management Policy and Procedures. Clinical incidents that have a child safeguarding element, for example, deliberate clinical neglect or harm, inappropriate use of restraint/restrictive practices, or the administration of medication for purposes other than treatment, are included here where relevant.

Below is a summary of the main risks identified. **A more detailed risk assessment for this service is available on request.**

Risk Category	Controls in place to manage risk identified (in addition to the procedures listed below)
1. Risk of harm to a child from a staff member, volunteer or student	- Supporting a Culture of Safety, Quality and Kindness: A Code of Conduct for Health and Social Service Providers - HSE National Consent Policy - Beaumont Hospital Recruitment and Selection Procedures - HSE Trust in Care Policy - HSE Protected Disclosures Procedures - Professional Registration for Healthcare Professionals - Mandatory training programme accessible to staff via the Hospital e-learning platform (BORIS) and provided for completion as part of induction.
2. Risk of harm to a child, from a service user (adult or child), visitor or member of the public	- Guidance on hospital visiting to Beaumont Hospital - Policy for Prevention and Management of Behaviors that Challenge - Beaumont Hospital ICT policies
3. Risk of harm to a child due to a staff member not recognising or reporting a child protection or welfare concern	- Statutory and Mandatory Training Policy for Beaumont Hospital Employees includes ‘An Introduction to Children First’ eLearning module. - Beaumont Hospital Child Protection and Welfare Policy - Beaumont Hospital Employee Induction - Beaumont Hospital access to Children First National Office Advisor - Disciplinary Procedure for Employees of Beaumont Hospital - HSE Protected Disclosures Procedures - Beaumont Hospital Recruitment Processes
4. Risk of harm to a child due to a child not recognising or reporting a child protection or welfare concern	Child-friendly posters on ‘Being Safe and Asking for Help’, Child Safeguarding Statements and the Beaumont Hospital Child Protection and Welfare Policy
5. Risk of harm to a child due to a service not implementing the Children First Act 2015 and/or related guidance and policies in HSE services	- Beaumont Hospital Children First governance and compliance monitoring measures in place - HSE Children First National Office to support implementation of Children First
6. Risk of harm to a child in the digital environment (including telehealth, social media, web access, electronic content and interaction)	- Beaumont Hospital Information Technology Policies & Standards to enable online safety - Beaumont Hospital Information Security Policy - Acceptable Usage Policy for staff

Procedures to safeguard children and young people from harm

In addition to the controls listed above, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our services:

- Beaumont Hospital Child Protection and Welfare Policy and accompanying suite of policy guides (which includes the procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla)
- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of staff and volunteers to work with children
- Procedures for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including identification and reporting of the occurrence of harm
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the people in the BH who are mandated persons
- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct, against staff or volunteers, of a child while availing of our services (Trust in Care)
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person
- Disciplinary Procedure for Employees of BH
- BH Procedures for the Handling of Protected Disclosures
- BH Risk Management Policy and Procedures
- BH Incident Management Framework

Putting this safeguarding statement into practice

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. We will review this Child Safeguarding Statement every 2 years (24 months) or as soon as possible after there has been a material change in any matter to which it refers.

Review date:

11 June 2028

Name and title of service manager:

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Service manager signature:

For queries in relation to this Child Safeguarding Statement contact our Relevant Person:

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