

**DCU Sport Policy - No. 10
Child Safeguarding Statement 2023**

DCU Sport provides sporting activities and opportunities for children and young people through several of our programmes and facility services.

DCU Sport is committed to safeguarding children and young people. All staff members and volunteers working with children throughout the organisation, seek to create a safe environment for children and young people to participate in sporting activities. We have created a Safeguarding Risk Assessment that indicates the areas of potential risk of harm for children on our premises, the likelihood of the risk occurring, the required policy and guidance or process documents required to alleviate the risk.

We have the following procedures in place as part of DCU Sport Safeguarding Code in addition to our Risk Assessment outlined above:

- Procedures for management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteer against a child availing of our facility.
- Procedure for the safe recruitment of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities through Garda Vetting.
- Procedure for access to child safeguarding training and information for staff members and in house child protection training, including the identification of the occurrence of harm.
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to the Statutory Authorities.
- Appointment of Mandated Personnel who are the point of contact in respect to Safeguarding for this statement.

The DCU Sport Mandated Staff who under the Children's First Act 2015 has a legal obligation to report harm of children is -

Gemma Dempsey

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DCU Sport recognise that implementation is an on-going process and are committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and procedures involved. For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact DCU Sports' Mandated Person outlined above.

The Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed every year alongside our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

Signed: 

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