



1. Name of Service being provided:

Bradog Youth Service

2. Nature of Service and principles to safeguard children from harm:

Nature of Service:

We are a Youth Service based in Dublin City Centre working with children and young people aged between 8-25 years. Our vision is that young people reach their full potential and become the drivers of change in their community and our mission is to provide effective interventions and programmes for young people by building relationships and creating opportunities to foster their development, growth, and wellbeing.

We have a Youth Justice Project which employs 1 Project Leader, 4 Youth Justice Workers, 1 Roma Youth Justice Worker, 1 Roma Activities and Support worker, 1 Relief staff. We have a Youth Team which employs 1 Project Leader, 4 Youth Workers, 2 Part time youth workers. We also have 3 – 4 volunteers, a part time bus driver and activities persons

We work with young people aged 8-25 years through provision of a range of services including:

- One to one support
- Group work/Small group
- Street work/outreach
- Residentials
- Support programmes such as employment, drugs, young parents etc, women in sport,
- Drop ins
- Joint agency work
- Advocacy
- International work with Young Roma

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Principles: Bradog Youth Service and its Board of Directors are committed to the implementation of good practice in child safeguarding and protection. We are guided by Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children and Young People 2017 and are committed to meeting the legal requirements under the Children First Act 2015.

Bradog Youth Service believes that everyone within our organisation has responsibility for ensuring that the best interest of the child is paramount.

3. Risk Assessment

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while engaging in our service. Below is a list of the headline areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks. (A more detailed risk assessment has been carried out and is available on request).

Risk Identified	Procedure in Place to Manage Risk Identified
Engagement with Young People. These include risks in relation to bullying, poor practice, inadequate supervision, ineffective code of behaviour, communication online and offline, trips away/residentials	Code of Behaviour Appropriate training
Reporting Procedures These include risks in relation to lack of procedures, knowledge and understanding of reporting, role of mandated persons and DLP	Child Safeguarding and Protection Policy and Procedures
Safe Recruitment and Selection of Staff This includes risk related to unsuitable people engaging with young people, lack of garda vetting, reference checks, etc..	Recruitment and Selection Procedure in our Child Safeguarding and Protection Policy and Procedures
Information, Training and Communication These includes risks relating to lack of communication of procedures, inadequate training of staff, inappropriate recording/filming of young people	Child Safeguarding and Protection Policy and Procedures Training of staff/volunteers/students Code of Behaviour
Allegations of Abuse This includes risks of having inadequate procedures to respond to allegations or lack of adherence to these procedures	Child Safeguarding and Protection Policy and Procedures on responding to allegations Training of Staff
Working with Other Parties and/or sharing facilities This includes risks associated with lack of agreements with third parties	Child Safeguarding and Protection Policy and Procedures on working with external parties

4. Procedures

Our Child 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 assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:

- Procedure for the safeguarding of young people under the age of 18 years -including on site and off site work, one to one work, trips, residentials and streetwork
- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against a child by staff, volunteer, student or a young person
- Procedure for the safe recruitment and assessment of suitability of staff, volunteers, students etc..
- Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla and AGS
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons who are mandated persons
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person

PLEASE NOTE: All procedures listed above are available upon request from Bradog Youth Service.

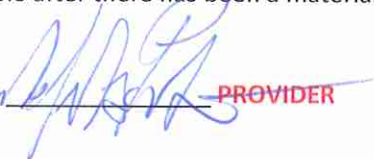


5. Implementation

This Child Safeguarding Statement has been shared with all staff, volunteers, students and Management. It has been signed off by Bradog Youth Service Board Members. It is available on request to parents/guardians, members of the public, Tusla etc... It is also displayed on the premises and on our website.

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our organisation 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 every two years or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

DATE: 14th OCT. 2022

Signed:  PROVIDER

For queries, please contact Bradog Youth Service Relevant Person under the Children First Act 2015, Maria O'Donoghue, on 0879368435