

## Child Safeguarding Statement

PCI/ Peacehaven provides residential services to adults with an intellectual disability. In the course of these activities children may be present on our premises, as a family member or accompanying other visitors. In addition our residents may interact with children in other community settings.

We are dedicated to the overall health, wellbeing and safety of children who come into contact with PCI/ Peacehaven or with our residents -through careful consideration of psycho – social factors which could impact on the health, safety and wellbeing of such children.

We are committed to reviewing any potential risks (on an ongoing basis) which could pose potential harm to children as a result of our service and address these risks as they arise. Staff awareness of their role – each as mandated persons with a responsibility to report any potential harm to children is a priority within the organisation. This awareness is promoted through mandatory child protection training for every staff member.

Should a staff member be the subject of a child protection investigation, PCI/ Peacehaven has procedures in place to address the safety of the child, the safety of our residents and support for the staff throughout the process, until a determination is reached. A staff member may be dismissed if found to have breached Children First; Adult Safeguarding Policy or any relevant PCI/ Peacehaven policy.

It is essential to remember that we can only safeguard against known/identified risks in relation to the residents whom we support. There remains an onus on members of the public to report in good faith any concern they have regarding our service or any resident within it to the management of PCI/ Peacehaven.

**This organisation has procedures in place to safeguard potential identified risks to infants and children to address:**

- The safe recruitment and selection of employees.
- The provision of and access to child safeguarding information and training for staff through hseland.ie
- A list of persons mandated to report child protection concerns.
- Procedures for managing reported child protection or welfare concerns within the organisation.
- Procedures for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to TUSLA.

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 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024 by the Director of Services or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

10<sup>th</sup> February 2023