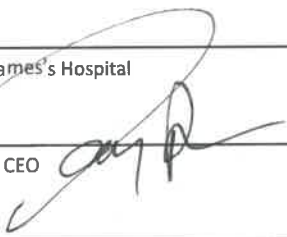


St James's Hospital Child Safeguarding Statement

St James's Hospital (SJH) is an acute, adult, voluntary (Section 38) academic teaching hospital dedicated to the delivery of acute, emergency, specialist and residential health and social care at local, regional and national level. The Hospital's academic partner is Trinity College Dublin. While the Hospital services are largely designed to provide health and social care for adults i.e., persons over the age of 18 years, due to the nature of a number of specialist clinical services provided by SJH, children (i.e., persons under the age of 18 years) do attend the Hospital as patients and SJH is therefore a 'relevant services' as defined in legislation and National Policy (i.e., the Children First Act 2015 and the Child Protection and Welfare Policy, HSE 2024). Accordingly, SJH in planning and delivering its services observes the following key principles and has in place associated policies, procedures and arrangements designed to enable the Hospital to meet its statutory obligations to keep children safe from harm while using their services.

- The best interests of children and young people attending our services are paramount and are therefore actively considered in all service planning and delivery
- Children attending our service have the right to be protected, treated with respect, listened to and to have their views taken into consideration in all decisions affecting them
- Children and young people have an equal right to attend a service that respects them as individuals and encourages them to reach their potential, regardless of their background. Parents have a right to respect and should be consulted and involved in matters that concern their family
- Children's right to confidentiality should be observed but is not absolute, particularly when there are concerns about child protection or welfare. The limits of confidentiality should be communicated in a timely manner where relevant.
- The safety and welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Our guiding principles, policies and procedures apply to all our staff (including Locum, Agency and Contract staff), Students and Volunteers. All disciplines are required to undertake the training provided and work together in the interests of children.
- The Hospitals policies, procedures and child safeguarding measures implemented in SJH are based on current active risk assessment and mitigation. Below / Over is a summary of the main risks identified and the procedures in place for managing these risks. A more detailed risk assessment is available on request.

Risk Category		Key Policies, Procedures and Controls in place to manage risk identified	
		All SJH Child Protection PPPGs are based on related legislation and National Policy and therefore access and use of these is inferred in the lists of procedures and controls listed below	
1	Risk of harm to a child by a staff member, Volunteer or Student.	- SJH Child Protection Policy (SJH: CEO008) - SJH Child Protection Reporting Procedure (SJH:CEO009) - SJH Safeguarding (Adults) Policy (SJH:CEO005) - SJH Employee Code of Ethics & Behavior - SJH Staff Handbook - SJH Recruitment and Selection Policy - SJH Chaperone Policy - Safety Incident: Reporting & Management Policy (SJH: QS004) - SJH Young Person and Transition Year Student Policy	- SJH Volunteer Policy - SJH Mandatory Training Policy and Programme - SJH Grievances and Disciplinary Procedure - SJH Dignity at Work Policy - SJH Consent to Treatment and Care Policy - SJH Protected Disclosures Policy - SJH Admission Policy - SJH Child Safeguarding Programme and Committee - SJH Safeguarding (All) Programme and Oversight Committee
2	Risk of harm to a child from a service user (adult or child), visitor or member of the public.	- SJH Admission Policy - SJH Mandatory Training Policy and Programme - SJH Patient Visiting Policy - SJH Ward Access Policy [SJH:FM013] - SJH Security Operational Guidelines on Campus Patrolling	
3	Risk of harm to a child due to a child protection or welfare concern not being recognised or reported by a staff member.	- SJH Child Protection Policy - SJH Child Protection Reporting Procedure - SJH Mandatory Training Policy and Programme	
4	Risk of harm to a child due to a child protection or welfare concern not being recognised or reported by a child.	- SJH Child Protection Policy - SJH Child Protection Reporting Procedure - SJH Mandatory Training Policy and Programme	
5	Risk of harm to a child due to not implementing the Children First Act 2015 and/or related guidance or policies.	- SJH's appointed Relevant Person i.e., the CEO - SJH Child Safety Statement (Accessible to All on SJH Intranet and Internet) - SJH Child Protection Policy - SJH Child Protection Reporting Procedure - SJH Mandatory Training Policy and Programme - SJH's participation in and engagement with the HSE's Children First Governance Programme including: - Bi-annual progress reports to Dublin Midlands Children First Operational Committee - HSE's Children First Compliance Monitoring Programme - SJH Children First Operational Committee - SJH Safeguarding (All) Programme and Oversight Committee	
6	Risk of harm to a child due to a service failing to ensure safe access to ICT (incl. social media, web access and electronic contact).	St James's Hospital public wifi uses a government provided service and they provide limited content streaming for inappropriate sites, we have no oversight of associated PPPGs.	

Relevant Service Title	St James's Hospital	
Relevant Person	SJH CEO 	Date 15/08/2025