

TÚSLA

An Ghníomhaireacht um
Leanaí agus an Teaghlach

**CHILD
SAFEGUARDING
STATEMENT
COMPLIANCE UNIT**



What is a Child Safeguarding Statement?

Written statement that specifies the service provided to children & provides an overview of the measures in place to protect children from harm within the service



Legislation



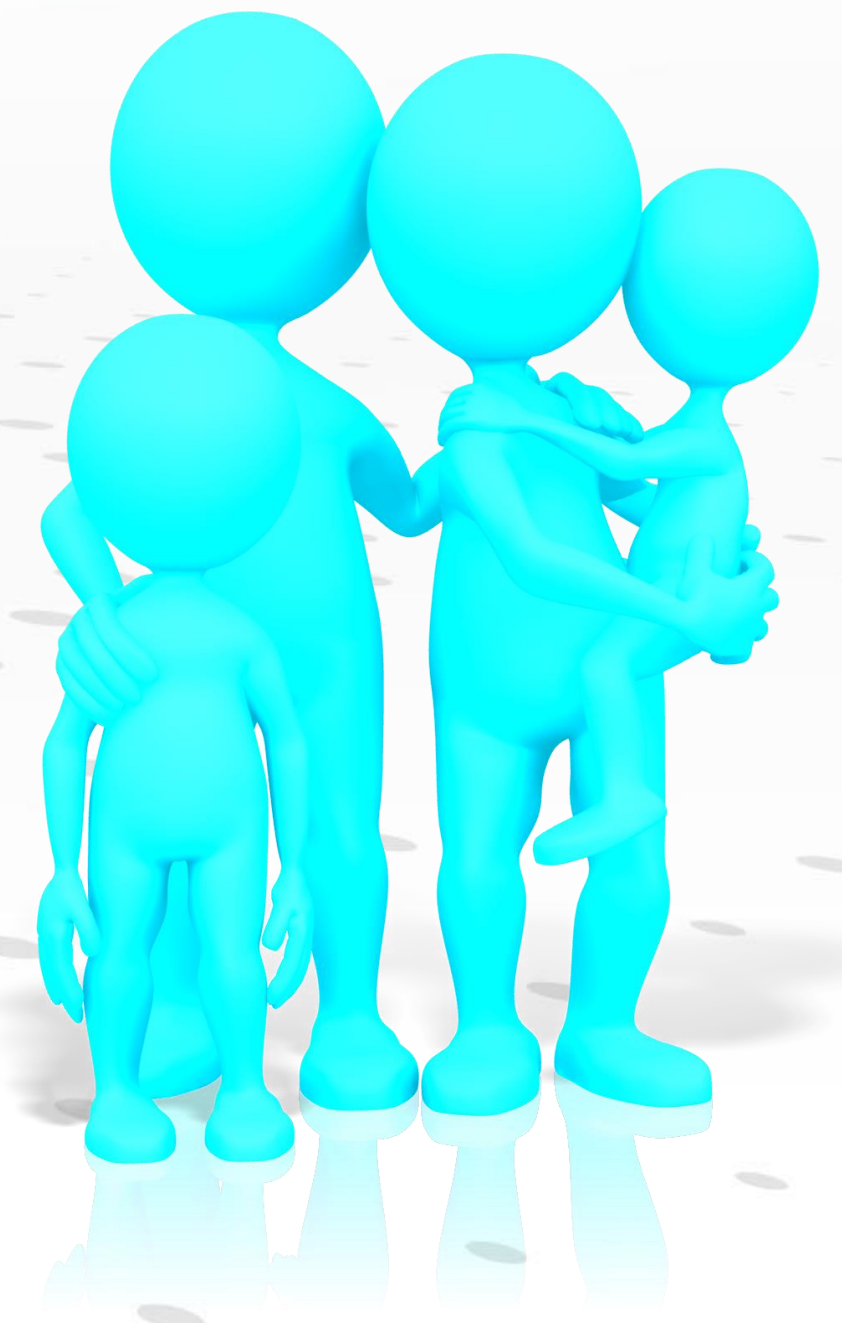
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Children First Act 2015

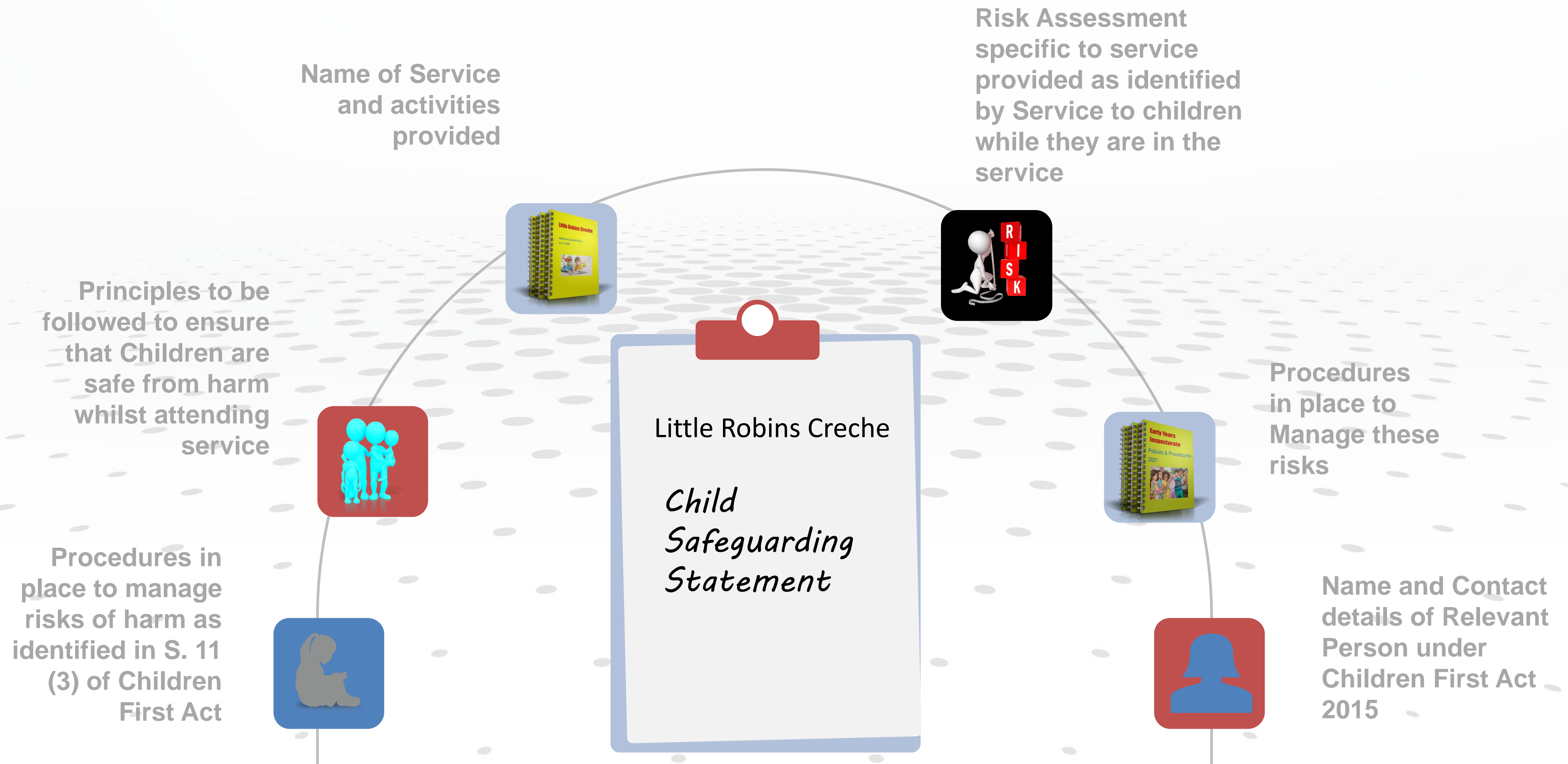
Definition of Harm

Definition of 'harm' in the Children First Act 2015.

- *“harm” means, in relation to a child—*
- *(a) assault, ill-treatment or neglect of the child in a manner that seriously affects or is likely to seriously affect the child’s health, development or welfare, or*
- *(b) sexual abuse of the child,*
- *whether caused by a single act, omission or circumstance or a series or combination of acts, omissions or circumstances, or otherwise;*



What needs to be in a CSS?



Principles to be followed to ensure that Children are safe from harm whilst attending service

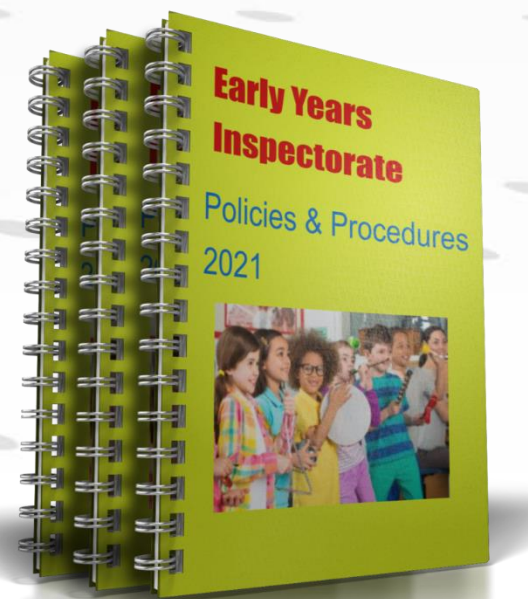
- *Set out your intention to keep children safe from harm*
- *Declaration of Guiding Principles – your service will:*
 - *meet its commitment & responsibility to keep children safe,*
 - *promote welfare & best interests of children*



Risk Assessment as identified by Service to children while they are in the service Procedures in place to manage these risks



- *This needs to be risk of harm as defined by the act that is specific to the service being provided –*
 - *For example where there are combined services i.e. early years & school age a risk may be posed by interactions with older children but this would not be a risk in an exclusively early years service*



The Procedures in place to manage risks of harm as identified in S. 11 (3) of Children First Act



- *Manage allegations against staff*
- *Selection and recruitment*
- *Information and training for staff*
- *Reporting*
- *Relevant Person*
- *List of Mandated Person*



Name and Contact details of Relevant Person for purpose of statement

Review timeframe

- *Implementation is an ongoing process and so all statements should be review on a regular basis*
- *The CSS should set out the timeframe in which the current statement will be reviewed*

Child Safeguarding Compliance Unit



Role and Function of CSSCU

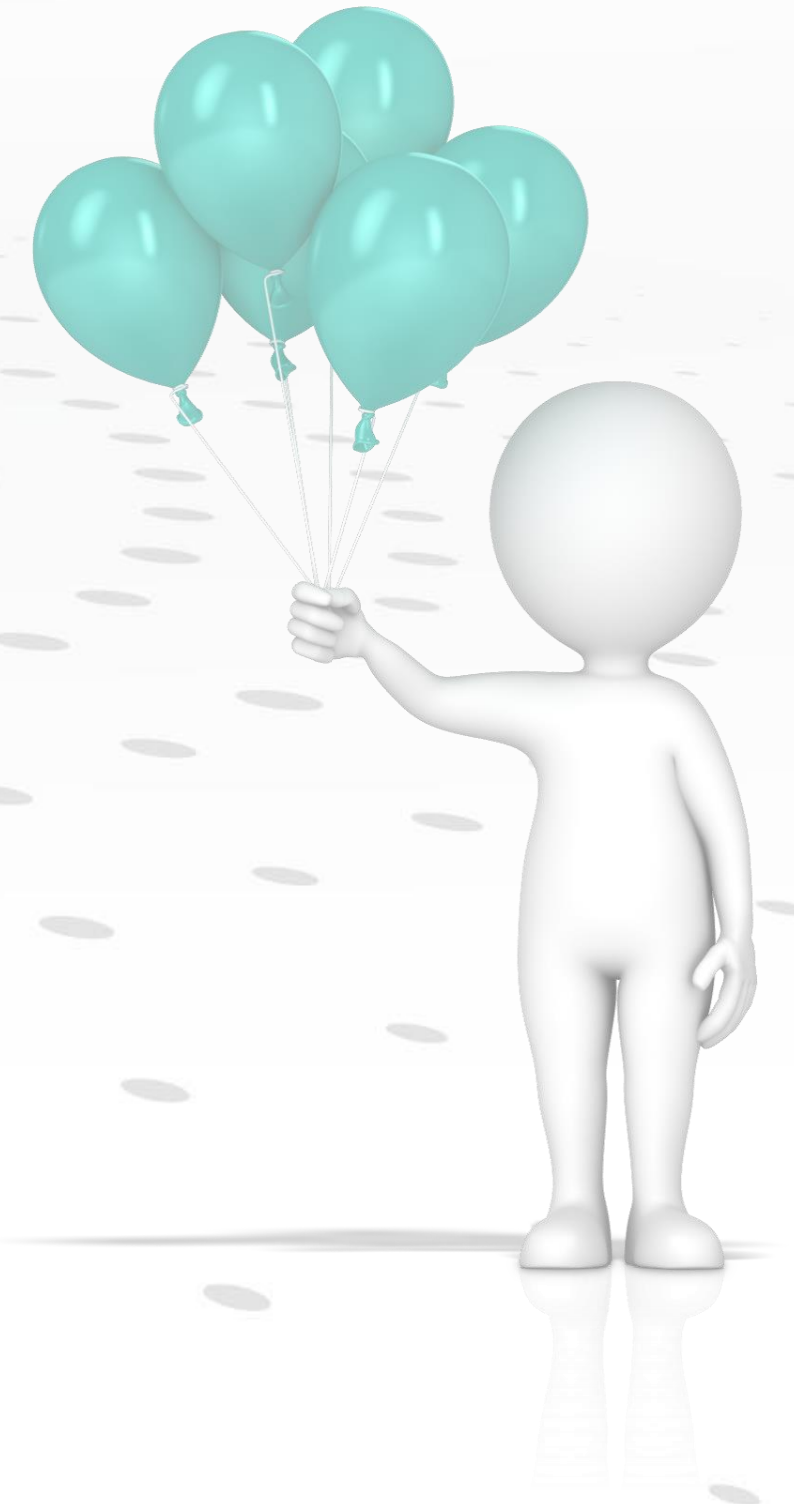
- *To screen and review Child Safeguarding Statements, adopting a supportive compliance approach.*
- *Identification, establishment, maintenance of effective partnerships and communication pathways with key stakeholders.*
- *Receive and process Unsolicited Information from public and referrals from partner organisations.*
- *Initiates Enforcements and maintains the public Register of Non-Compliance*



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Referrals received through

- voluntary submissions by providers*
- Unsolicited Information*
- Implementation Reviews*
- Referred by colleagues within TUSLA*



Identification, establishment, maintenance of effective partnerships and communication pathways with key stakeholders.

This is to support the stakeholders in achieving compliance and to work in partnership with relevant services



Receive and process Unsolicited Information from public and referrals from partner organisations.

Unsolicited information is risk assessed and addressed to prioritise safety to children



Initiates Enforcements and maintains the public Register of Non-Compliance

In the event of services failing to engage or amend their statement sufficiently to achieve compliance the CSSCU has the responsibility for initiating enforcement proceedings and maintaining the Public Register of Non-compliant services





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