



**Tusla's Child Safeguarding Statement Compliance Unit  
Compliance Sector Review**

**GAA- Gaelic Athletics Association  
Compliance Sector Review  
December 2025**

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## **The Child Safeguarding Statement Compliance Unit (CSSCU)**

The Child Safeguarding Statement Compliance Unit (CSSCU) is the dedicated Unit within TUSLA set up to ensure that providers' Child Safeguarding Statements (CSS) are compliant with the requirements of Sections 10 – 13 of the Children First Act 2015. The unit was established in March 2018 to provide both compliance support and enforcement in relation to Child Safeguarding Statement requirements (s.11). The CSSCU is responsible for Child Safeguarding Statement enforcement (s.12) and maintaining the Public Register of Non-Compliance (s.13).

The Child Safeguarding Statement Compliance Unit works on a supportive compliance basis. Referrals are received through voluntary submissions by providers, unsolicited information, sector compliance reviews and referrals by colleagues within Tusla. Where a service is found to be non-compliant with the requirement to have a compliant Child Safeguarding Statement, Tusla engages with the organisation, highlights areas requiring development in the statement, and affords them the opportunity to comply with requirements. Only when this avenue has been exhausted does the agency move to listing an organisation on the register of non-compliance (the final stage of enforcement).

Under Section 11 of the Children First Act 2015, Tusla's statutory role is to ensure that each organisation who is required to do so, prepares a written statement (referred to as a "child safeguarding statement") specifying the service being provided and the child safeguarding principles and procedures to be observed to ensure as far as practicable, that a child, while availing of the services, is safe from harm. The Child Safeguarding Statement is underpinned by the implementation of the required safeguarding policies, procedures, and practice that may be referenced in the statement. It is necessary that the policies and procedures required for the implementation of the CSS would be in line with the Children First Guidelines 2017. The procedures were not reviewed as part of this process.

## **GAA – Gaelic Athletics Association**

The Association promotes Gaelic games such as Hurling, Football, Handball and Rounders and works with sister organisations to promote Ladies Football and Camogie. The Association also promotes Irish music, song and dance and the Irish language as an integral part of its objectives. The GAA has remained an amateur Association since its founding.

The organisation is based on the traditional parishes and counties of Ireland. The GAA has 1,600 underage clubs in all 32 counties of Ireland.

## **GAA Compliance Sector Review**

The Child Safeguarding Statement Compliance Unit conducted a comprehensive Child Safeguarding Statement sector compliance review with the GAA during 2025. This report outlines the process of engagement with the GAA and the methodology utilised in a CSS sector compliance review. It provides an overview and analysis of findings in relation to CSS compliance and recommendations to

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enhance Child Safeguarding Statement compliance within the sector. The information and findings contribute to an improved understanding of CSS compliance within the GAA. The recommendations emerging from the sector compliance review aim to support relevant services in developing and reviewing Child Safeguarding Statements.

Overall, the sector compliance review received positive engagement from relevant services included in this project. However, the CSSCU faced some communication challenges in maintaining contact with the relevant person/Children's Officer for a small number of services due to communication issues regarding emails delivering into spam folders which contributed to delays in the delivery of the project.

The CSSCU received a response from all services to the formal requests to review Child Safeguarding Statements. The statements submitted by GAA providers were generally of a reasonable standard. A minimal amount required some compliance support. While most statements referenced the required sections of the legislation, amendments were required regarding the publication of the Relevant Person contact details within the CSS document to sufficiently meet the requirements of Section 11 of the Children's First Act 2015.

### **Executive Summary**

The GAA submitted Child Safeguarding Statements for 52 of their services to the CSSCU in 2025. This report was prepared following review of these statements. It outlines the process of engagement with the GAA an overview and analysis of findings in relation to CSS compliance and recommendations to enhance Child Safeguarding Statement compliance within the sector. The information and findings contribute to an improved understanding of CSS compliance within the GAA. The recommendations emerging from this report aim to support relevant services in developing and reviewing Child Safeguarding Statements.

The CSSCU received positive engagement from the relevant services included in the review.

The statements submitted by the GAA were of a very good standard. The use of national GAA template Child Safeguarding Statement document was evident.

There were 52 Child Safeguarding Statements submitted to the CSSCU. The 52 services are located across 26 counties.

## Recommendations

To continue to strengthen the safeguarding of children in the GAA there are minor recommendations.

### For the Child Safeguarding Statement Compliance Unit

1.	Share learning from the CSS sector compliance review with the GAA.
2.	Circulate of the report findings published to the Tusla website.

### For Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)

3.	Relevant persons/ Children's Officers to share learning from the sector compliance review within GAA to consider findings and recommendations when reviewing Child Safeguarding Statements as is required.
4.	Providers to consider the strengths of statements that are service specific; provide the required information; and are presented clearly and concisely when developing or reviewing CSSs to support greater outcomes upon implementation.
5.	Providers to consider commonly occurring areas of CSS non-compliance as outlined in the findings and analysis sections of this report when developing or reviewing their CSS, procedures, and training provision.
6.	Providers and those with responsibility for child safeguarding governance and oversight in the GAA to ensure that the procedure for appointing a relevant person adequately considers how to fulfil the requirements of the role during periods of changes to volunteer roles. This is to ensure that a relevant person is always available to engage with the agency, a parent, or member of the public who may request further information about a CSS.
7.	Providers to liaise with information, advice, and training support services to strengthen the implementation of safeguarding policies and procedures specified in the Child Safeguarding Statement if required from Tusla's Children First Information and Advice Service.

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- GAA clubs who engaged with CSSCU as part of this sector compliance review.
- The CSSCU team who conducted this review.

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## Introduction

The CSSCU prioritises supporting Child Safeguarding Statement compliance by working in partnership with providers of relevant services and sectors to ensure these groups are meeting their obligations to have statements in place. As part of this compliance support, the CSSCU identified the GAA and proactively engaged with 52 GAA clubs. The purpose of the engagement was to conduct a comprehensive sectoral review to ensure that services had compliant Child Safeguarding Statements in place.

This report outlines the process of engagement with GAA, methodology utilised in the sector compliance review, an overview of analysis of findings in relation to CSS compliance and recommendations to enhance CSS compliance within the sector. The report is intended to contribute to an improved understanding of Child Safeguarding Statement (CSS) compliance within the Training/Leisure/Arts sector.

## Context

A key strategic objective of the Child Safeguarding Statement Compliance Unit is to advance children's safety, development, and wellbeing by strengthening partnerships with providers of relevant services (as defined under schedule 1, Children First Act 2015). A provider of a relevant service is any organisation where more than one person works with children in a voluntary or paid capacity. GAA are providers of relevant services under part 5a of schedule 1 of the Children's First Act, 2015 that refers to any work or activity which consists of Training/Arts/Leisure activities provided to a child.

Harm is defined in the Children's First Act 2015, 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'.

## Methodology

This report is based on data generated from formally requesting Child Safeguarding Statements from 52 providers of GAA clubs. This process of engagement with relevant services for a CSS sector compliance review began in July 2025 and ended in November end 2025.

The process included the identification and random selection of GAA clubs for inclusion; communication with all providers; sector briefing; formal requests for Child Safeguarding Statements (CSS); feedback on CSS compliance review and support to relevant services to achieve compliance with the requirements of the Children First act, 2015.

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## CSS Compliance Review & Support

On receipt of a Child Safeguarding Statement the CSSCU utilised the units review outcome form (see Appendix 3) to conduct a desktop review to record areas of compliance or non-compliance within the CSS document. Feedback was issued to all relevant services on the outcome of the review. For those where amendments were required, CSSCU staff engaged with relevant services to support them in achieving compliance with the requirements of Section 11 of the Children First Act, 2015

### Findings

There was 52 GAA clubs identified for inclusion in the CSS sector compliance review who were formally requested to submit a Child Safeguarding Statement (CSS) to CSSCU.

All documents submitted in response to request for CSS were accepted as a valid Child Safeguarding Statement. However, it was observed that most GAA clubs were using template documents, rather than developing a bespoke service specific CSS.

During the duration of the sector compliance review project, stage one enforcement action was commenced with 10 clubs. The reason for enforcement action was due to no response to the formal request for a CSS. No GAA club has been added to the public register of non-compliance.

The most significant non-compliance identified during the sector review was in relation to contact details of the relevant person on the CSS.

The services engaged with the CSSCU staff and there was good adherence to internal processes thus proving good governance overall within the sector.

### Analysis

Overall, the sector compliance review received positive engagement from relevant services included in the project. However, the CSSCU faced some communication challenges contacting the relevant person/children's officer for some services due to no response received to communication issued from the CSSCU which contributed to delays in the delivery of the project.

The CSSCU received a response from all the services to the formal requests to review Child Safeguarding Statements. The use of a generalised template among the GAA were adequately updated to reflect the specific service under review.

### Strengths of a Compliant CSS

Providers of relevant services have a responsibility under Section 11 of the Children's First Act, 2015 to ensure, as far as practicable, that each child availing of the service from the provider is

safe from harm while availing of that service. An effective Child Safeguarding Statement is underpinned by the implementation of Safeguarding policies, procedures, and practice that may be referenced in the CSS. A compliant Child Safeguarding Statement must reflect the specific service being provided and set out clear principles of safeguarding. It must identify possible risks of harm to a child as defined in the Children First Act, 2015 and the procedures in place to mitigate against those risks. These risks should correlate with the service being provided to assist assessment of any potential harm that a child or young person may experience in that specific service. The CSS must state that required safeguarding procedures are in place and implemented. Service contact details, plans for CSS review and details of the relevant person must be clearly provided on the CSS. All information provided within the CSS must be accessible to service users, children, parents, and members of the public.

Therefore, a compliant statement is effective when it provides the required information, is presented clearly and is specific to the service being provided which in turn leads to greater outcomes upon implementation.

### Challenges of a Non-Compliant CSS

A Child Safeguarding Statement (CSS) that is non-compliant with the requirements of Section 11 of the Children First Act, 2015 can impact the safety of children and young people while availing of a service. Without a clear commitment to keeping children safe from harm, a risk assessment and appropriate procedures in place, lack of clarity may arise within a service causing confusion for staff and volunteers in respect of how to prevent harm or how to respond to any child welfare or protection concerns.

Omissions in a CSS document can also indicate potential gaps in training and subsequent implementation of safeguarding practice within services if a required procedures are absent or not known. Additional challenges related to different parts of the CSS are expanded on in the analysis of findings below.

### Analysis of Findings

Child Safeguarding Statement non-compliance was identified in 7 GAA clubs. The table below outlines the number of relevant services deemed non-compliant, on first review that were required to make amendments in particular areas within the CSS to achieve compliance.



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## **Risk Assessment**

51 services required no amendments in relation to the risk assessment.

1 service was non-compliant as they did not include details of all risks identified in the written assessment that consider all potential risks of harm that are sufficient, relevant, and realistic in relation to the purpose, function and nature of the service and activities being provided to children and young people. The resubmission was reviewed, and the non-compliances were addressed.

A risk assessment that considers any potential harm to a child while availing of the service needs to be fit for purpose in respect of the nature of service and activities provided to be deemed compliant. If potential risks of harm are omitted from a CSS, there can be limited awareness or understanding amongst personnel (staff/volunteers) that a particular risk may occur. The identification of a particular risk also prompts the development and implementation of appropriate safeguarding procedures to mitigate against the risk and to ensure that children availing of the service are safe from harm.

Potential risks that apply to most relevant services are risk of harm to a child by a member of staff/volunteer; harm by a visitor to a service; bullying by an adult or peer; harm during outings or overnight activities; harm due to lack of supervision; harm through use of unauthorised photography; or online harm through social media/internet. If these risks and associated procedures to manage the risks are not considered during a risk assessment, relevant services are advised to consider if they are applicable to the service.

## **Nature of Service & Activities**

100% of services received the required compliance review in relation to the nature of service or activities provided in the CSS.

A comprehensive description of the nature of the services and activities being provided allows the relevant service to consider all possible risks of harm to a child or young person.

There was sufficient information about the purpose and function of the GAA service provided to children and young people.

## **Safeguarding Procedures**

51 services required no amendments in relation to the required safeguarding procedures as specified in s.11(3), Children First Act 2015.

1 submission received did not refer to all six safeguarding procedures identified in the Children's First Act 2015. The service did not provide the procedure for maintaining a list of mandated persons. Upon resubmission, the procedure was identified on the Child Safeguarding Statement.

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The Children First Act, 2015 specifies that the following procedures must be both referenced in a Child Safeguarding Statement as being in place and implemented in practice within the service. These documents were not requested as part of this project and services self-declared that they were in place.

1. Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers.
2. Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children.
3. Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm.
4. Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla.
5. Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons.
6. Procedure for appointing a relevant person for the purpose of the statement.

Having these procedures in place supports services in reducing risks of harm to children and to respond appropriately if an incident occurs.

### **Safeguarding Principles**

52 services were compliant with the requirements to declare their safeguarding principles on the CSS.

A declaration of the service commitment to safeguarding principles supports the relevant service in communicating to children, parents, and members of the public that the responsibility to safeguard children while availing of the service is a priority and taken seriously. By clearly stating the service intention to prioritise safeguarding, parents are provided with a baseline of safety measures to be expected while children may be availing of the service.

### **Relevant Person Details**

7 services with a non-compliant CSS required amendments to the information provided in relation to the contact details of the relevant person in the CSS. On resubmission, 100% of services made the required amendments to the information provided in relation to the contact details of the relevant person in the CSS.

A relevant person is appointed for the purpose of being the first point of contact in relation to the Child Safeguarding Statement. Having the name and contact details clearly identified on the CSS assists the relevant service in being accessible to children, parents or members of the public who may have a query or concern related to the Child Safeguarding Statement.

When the relevant person is not clearly identified with contact details on the publicly displayed CSS or is unavailable to communicate, it can make it difficult for an agency, parent, or member of the public to request further information about the CSS.

## Recommendations

To continue to strengthen the safeguarding of children in the GAA there are minor recommendations.

### For the Child Safeguarding Statement Compliance Unit

1.	Share learning from the CSS sector compliance review with the GAA.
2.	Circulate of the report findings published to the Tusla website.

### For Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)

3.	Relevant persons/ Children's Officers to share learning from the sector compliance review within GAA to consider findings and recommendations when reviewing Child Safeguarding Statements as is required.
4.	Providers to consider the strengths of statements that are service specific; provide the required information; and are presented clearly and concisely when developing or reviewing CSS's to support greater outcomes upon implementation.
5.	Providers to consider commonly occurring areas of CSS non-compliance as outlined in the findings and analysis sections of this report when developing or reviewing their CSS, procedures, and training provision.
6.	Providers and those with responsibility for child safeguarding governance and oversight in the GAA to ensure that the procedure for appointing a relevant person adequately considers how to fulfil the requirements of the role during periods of changes to volunteer roles. This is to ensure that a relevant person is always available to engage with the agency, a parent, or member of the public who may request further information about a CSS.
7.	Providers to liaise with information, advice, and training support services to strengthen the implementation of safeguarding policies and procedures specified in the Child Safeguarding Statement if required from Tusla's Children First Information and Advice Service.

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## Conclusion

This report outlines the process of engagement with relevant services, the methodology utilised in a CSS sector compliance review, an overview and analysis of findings in relation to CSS compliance and recommendations to enhance Child Safeguarding Statement compliance within the sector. The information contributes to an improved understanding of CSS compliance within the GAA – Training/Arts/Leisure sector. The recommendations emerging from the sector compliance review aim to support relevant services in developing and reviewing Child Safeguarding Statements.

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## Appendices

Appendix 1: CSS Information & Resources

Appendix 2: Letter formally requesting Child Safeguarding Statement

Appendix 3: CSSCU Compliance Review Form

### Appendix 1: CSS Information & Resources

Tusla has published advice and guidance and a sample template to assist providers in developing a Child Safeguarding Statement which are available on the [Tusla website](#) or through the links below:

- [What is a Child Safeguarding Statement](#) (Video)
- [Guidance on Developing a Child Safeguarding Statement](#)
- [Template to develop a CSS](#)
- [CSSCU Review Outcome Form](#)
- [Understanding Risk Assessments in Child Safeguarding Statements](#) (Video)
- [Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice](#)
- [Child Safeguarding Resource List](#)
- [Child Safeguarding Statement Compliance Unit](#) on Tusla Website
- [Children First](#) on Tusla Website

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## Appendix 2: Letter formally requesting Child Safeguarding Statement (CSS)

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Estuary House  
Henry Street  
Limerick  
V94 XT5F  
[csscu@tusla.ie](mailto:csscu@tusla.ie)  
XX/XX/2025

### **Re: Child Safeguarding Statement Compliance Unit (CSSCU) CSS Sector Compliance Review with GAA**

Your Unique CSSCU Reference: **TU-XX-XXXX-XX**

**NB: Please quote this reference when communicating with the CSSCU.**

Dear XXXX,

Further to correspondence issued by email and a briefing to the GAA sector. I write in relation to our intention to engage with organisations providing relevant services to children in GAA in relation to a CSS sector compliance review.

The CSSCU is the dedicated Unit set up in Tusla to ensure that all providers' Child Safeguarding Statements are compliant with the requirements of parts 10 – 13 of the Children First Act 2015. The unit was established in March 2018 to provide both compliance support and enforcement. Please note that we always begin engagement from the perspective of supportive compliance and aim to support your organisation to meet the requirements of the Children First Act 2015 to ensure all children availing of your service are safe from harm. The CSSCU also has enforcement responsibilities in relation to CSS compliance and may initiate escalation to enforcement procedures if required.

You can find further information about the [Child Safeguarding Statement Compliance Unit](#) (CSSCU) or [Children First](#) on the Tusla website or through the links below.

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- [Guidance on Developing a Child Safeguarding Statement](#)
- [Template to develop a CSS](#)
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- [Understanding Risk Assessments in Child Safeguarding Statements](#) (Video)
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As has been advised, we are now formally requesting, pursuant to section 11(5)(b)(ii) of the Act, that you provide a copy of the Child Safeguarding Statement that you may have already developed to the Tusla Child Safeguarding Statement Compliance Unit (CSSCU).

**Please provide the requested Child Safeguarding Statement within 14 days of receipt of this letter.** You can submit the requested document via email, to [csscu@tusla.ie](mailto:csscu@tusla.ie), or post to the address above. Failure to do so may result in a further escalation of this matter and possible enforcement action as per the Children First Act 2015.

If you require any further information or clarification, please contact the CSSCU at [csscu@tusla.ie](mailto:csscu@tusla.ie). We look forward to supporting your network in relation to Child Safeguarding Statement compliance.

**Yours sincerely,**

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**Compliance Officer**  
**Child Safeguarding Statement Compliance Unit**

**TUSLA**  
An Ghníomhaireacht um  
Leanaí agus an Teaghlach  
Child and Family Agency

Appendices 3 Compliance Review Form

CSSCU Review Records

Relevant Service Details

Name of Service	
Name of Provider of Relevant Service	
Name of Relevant Person	
Relevant Service Type (as per Schedule 1, CFA, 2015)	
Nature of Service / Sector	
Affiliated Organisation	

CSSCU Review of Child Safeguarding Statement Compliance with  
Requirements of Section 11 of the Children First Act, 2015

Checklist for Compliance Review			Feedback to Relevant Service	
No.	CSS Compliance Requirements	Assessment	Reasons for areas of non-compliance requiring amendment within CSS	Suggestions to improve quality of CSS for consideration
1.1	<p><b>Child Safeguarding Statement s.11(1b)</b>  <i>Requirement:</i> Relevant service has a Child Safeguarding Statement in place.  <i>Verification:</i> The document submitted for review is a Child Safeguarding Statement.</p>	Choose an item.		

1.2.	<p><b>Child Safeguarding Statement s.11(1b)</b></p> <p><i>Requirement:</i> Relevant service has a Child Safeguarding Statement in place.</p> <p><i>Verification:</i> The document submitted for review is titled correctly as a Child Safeguarding Statement.</p>	Choose an item.		
2.1.	<p><b>Service Details s.11(1b)</b></p> <p><i>Requirement:</i> Relevant service provides details of the service and activities provided to children and young people (under 18 years).</p> <p><i>Verification:</i> The name of the service is included on the CSS.</p>	Choose an item.		
2.2.	<p><b>Service Details s.11(1b)</b></p> <p><i>Requirement:</i> Relevant service provides details of the service and activities provided to children and young people.</p> <p><i>Verification:</i> The CSS includes details of the nature of service and activities provided to children or young people.</p>	Choose an item.		
3.1.	<p><b>Principles to Safeguard Children s.11(1b)</b></p> <p><i>Requirement:</i> Relevant service specifies the principles to be observed to keep children and young people safe from harm while availing of the service.</p> <p><i>Verification:</i> The CSS includes details of how the service intends to safeguard children and young people from harm and the principles that will be followed to keep them safe while using the service.</p>	Choose an item.		

4.1.	<p><b>Risk Assessment s.11(1a)</b></p> <p><i>Requirement:</i> Relevant service has undertaken a written assessment of any potential risk of harm to a child or young person while availing of a service.</p> <p><i>Verification:</i> The CSS includes details of a written assessment of risks of harm (assault, ill-treatment, neglect, or sexual abuse) as defined in the Children First Act, 2015.</p>	Choose an item.		
4.2.	<p><b>Risk Assessment s.11(3a)</b></p> <p><i>Requirement:</i> Relevant service has undertaken a written assessment of any potential risk of harm to a child or young person while availing of a service.</p> <p><i>Verification:</i> The CSS includes details of risks identified in the written assessment that consider all potential risks of harm that are sufficient, relevant, and realistic in relation to the purpose, function and nature of the service and activities being provided to children and young people.</p>	Choose an item.		
4.3.	<p><b>Risk Assessment s.11(3a)</b></p> <p><i>Requirement:</i> Relevant service has undertaken a written assessment of any potential risk of harm to a child or young person while availing of a service.</p> <p><i>Verification:</i> The CSS includes specific details of the procedures that are in place to manage any risk identified in the assessment of potential harm.</p>	Choose an item.		
5.1.	<p><b>Specified Safeguarding Procedures s11(3b)</b></p> <p><i>Requirement:</i> Relevant service has in place a safeguarding procedure in respect of any member of staff who is the subject of any investigation (howsoever described) in respect of any act, omission, or circumstance in respect of a child availing of the relevant service.</p>	Choose an item.		

	<p><i>Verification:</i> The CSS states that a procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers is in place.</p>			
5.2.	<p><b>Specified Safeguarding Procedures s.11(3c)</b></p> <p><i>Requirement:</i> Relevant service has in place a safeguarding procedure for selection or recruitment of any person as a member of staff of the provider with regard to that person's suitability to work with children.</p> <p><i>Verification:</i> The CSS states that a procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children or young people is in place.</p>	Choose an item.		
5.3.	<p><b>Specified Safeguarding Procedures s11(3d)</b></p> <p><i>Requirement:</i> Relevant service has in place a safeguarding procedure for the provision of information and, where necessary, instruction and training to members of staff of the provider in relation to the identification of the occurrence of harm.</p> <p><i>Verification:</i> The CSS states that a procedure for the provision of safeguarding information and training is in place.</p>	Choose an item.		
5.4.	<p><b>Specified Safeguarding Procedures s.11(3e)</b></p> <p><i>Requirement:</i> Relevant service has in place a safeguarding procedure for reporting to Tusla by the provider or a member of staff of the provider (whether a mandated person or otherwise) in accordance with this Act or the Children First guidelines.</p>	Choose an item.		

	<p><i>Verification:</i> The CSS states that a procedure for reporting child protection and welfare concerns to Tusla is in place.</p>			
5.5.	<p><b>Specified Safeguarding Procedures s.11(3f)</b></p> <p><i>Requirement:</i> Relevant service has in place a safeguarding procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons.</p> <p><i>Verification:</i> The CSS states that a procedure for maintaining a list of mandated persons is in place.</p>	Choose an item.		
5.6.	<p><b>Specified Safeguarding Procedures s.11(3g)</b></p> <p><i>Requirement:</i> Relevant service has in place a safeguarding procedure for appointing a relevant person for the purposes of the Child Safeguarding.</p> <p><i>Verification:</i> The CSS states that a procedure for appointing a relevant person is in place.</p>	Choose an item.		
6.1.	<p><b>Implementation s.11(1-10)</b></p> <p><i>Requirement:</i> A provider of a relevant service has responsibility for the implementation and governance of a CSS. These responsibilities include undertaking a risk assessment, preparing a written statement, appointing a relevant person, implementing the specified safeguarding procedures, conducting regular reviews, displaying the CSS within the service, and providing copies of the CSS to staff, parents/guardians, the agency, or members of the public on request.</p> <p><i>Verification:</i> The person responsible for providing the relevant service is identifiable on the CSS by name, role title or signature.</p>	Choose an item.		

6.2.	<p><b>Implementation s.11(7&amp;8)</b></p> <p><i>Requirement:</i> CSS implementation includes a review of the statement every 24 months or as soon as there has been a material change in any of the issues to which it refers.</p> <p><i>Verification:</i> The CSS includes a date that the CSS was adopted or reviewed within a 24-month period.</p>	Choose an item.		
7.1.	<p><b>Relevant Person s.11(1c)</b></p> <p><i>Requirement:</i> Relevant service appoints a Relevant Person for the purpose of being first point of contact for the CSS.</p> <p><i>Verification:</i> The CSS includes the name and contact details for the Relevant Person within the service who is the first point of contact for the purpose of the statement. It clearly states the person who holds the role of relevant person.</p> <p>E.g. For queries in relation to this statement, please contact Joe Bloggs (insert contact details – phone/email), relevant person under the Children First Act, 2015.</p>	Choose an item.		

**Compliance Review Outcome**

Date of Review	Compliance Review Outcome	Recommendation	Signature

*Tusla's CSSCU advises providers of relevant services of their responsibility under section 10 of the Children First Act, 2015 to ensure, as far as practicable, that each child availing of the service from the provider is safe from harm while availing of that service. An effective Child Safeguarding Statement is underpinned by the implementation of safeguarding policies, procedures, and practice that may be referenced in the CSS. It is the responsibility of every organisation to regularly review their safeguarding statement, policies, procedures, practice, and implementation frameworks against guidance provided in [Children First – National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children](#) and [Tusla Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice](#) to ensure that children and young people are safe from harm while availing of services. For more information please refer to the [CSSCU](#) and [Children First](#) sections of the Tusla webs*