

# **THOMAS COURT MEDICAL CENTRE CHILD SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

## **Policy Statement**

Thomas Court medical Centre is committed to safeguarding the well-being of all children and young people with whom our staff come into contact. Our policy on child safeguarding is in accordance with “Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017) and “Our Duty to Care” and Tusla’s Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice.

We are committed to promoting the rights of the child to be protected, be listened to and have their own views taken into consideration.

## **Principle**

This policy is underpinned by the “Children First”, National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children and “Our Duty to Care”

## **Purpose**

This policy applies to all employees / volunteers / students who have contact with children and young people on the premises of Thomas Court medical Centre or through their work on behalf of Thomas Court medical Centre.

It is of high importance to ensure all employees / volunteers / students have an ability to recognise abuse as it can be defined in many ways. Please see Definitions of Abuse as outlined in Appendix 1 of this document.

## **Risk Assessment**

Thomas Court medical Centre has carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services. Below is a list of the areas of risk identified and the procedures for managing these risks.

### **Risk identified**

Procedure in place to manage identified risk

Exposure to aggressive patients whilst in the waiting room.

Staff are trained in the management of aggressive patients.

Dealing with Child Safeguarding and Welfare Concerns

All employees / volunteers / students of Thomas Court medical Centre, will be made aware of and be familiar with The Thomas Court medical Centre Child Safeguarding Policy through an in-house induction and on-going training.

All staff and students will sign up to the overall child safeguarding policy of Thomas Court medical Centre . The Designated Liaison Person acts as a liaison with

Outside agencies and a resource person to any staff member or student who has child safeguarding concerns. The Designated Liaison Person is responsible for reporting allegations or suspicions to the Child and Family Agency Tusla or An Garda Siochana. (See Children First 3.3)

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