

## *Child Safeguarding Statement*

**Barnardos is committed to keeping children safe from harm.**

We keep children at the centre of our work and promote their wellbeing.

We work with children from birth to 18 years of age and their parents and carers.

All our work is purposeful, needs-led and outcomes-focused to help children to grow, develop and achieve their full potential.

The Children First Act 2015 defines harm of a child as ill treatment, neglect, assault, or sexual abuse, and explains what to do if you are concerned.

Barnardos has procedures to keep children safe when they are using our services, in line with the Children First Act 2015. All our staff and volunteers are trained in how to respond to child protection concerns.

We respond to all concerns as quickly as possible.

Barnardos has a strong management structure in place to ensure that the organisation is run well, this includes a Board with an Audit and Services Committee.

Barnardos has 441 staff in 52 locations. Our service locations are made up of 7 early intervention services, 30 family support projects, 3 teen parent support programmes. We also have 9 shops and 3 administrative centres.

Barnardos' services are provided in our projects, family homes, schools and community settings.

Barnardos staff and volunteers who work with children and families are Garda checked, qualified and receive supervision.

**We listen to children and act on what they say.**