

Report of the Board of Management on its Meeting of 12th December 2016

The following is a report of the Board of Management of Oberstown Children Detention Campus which took place on 12th December 2016.

Two substantial items dominated the Board meeting as follows:

- **Industrial action** – the Board discussed the pending industrial action by Impact members who have voted for all out strike, without emergency cover, on 3rd January 2017. The Board was briefed as to the emergency planning underway with a number of options being considered to ensure that the integrity of the Campus and the interests and rights of young people are protected during this time. The Board expressed concern about the impact of any such action on young people at Oberstown and encouraged management to continue to show flexibility and responsiveness in the resolution of the current dispute.
- **Legal proceedings** - the Board was briefed by the state’s legal team on the content of the judicial review proceedings being taken by four young people at Oberstown. The young people claim that their treatment infringed their constitutional rights. Beyond the merits of the individual cases, it was noted that the case may have implications for the behaviour management regime at Oberstown.
- The Board also considered the following matters:
 - **ACTS** – the review of the ACTS service has been commissioned by Tusla and both the Director and the Chairperson have been interviewed by the reviewer. The Board expressed concern that the full service currently offered to young people at Oberstown by the ACTS team would be maintained.
 - **Behaviour Management Review** - The Board was advised that Dr Margaret O’Rourke and Professor Derek Perkins have been appointed, with the consent of Impact, to undertake the review of behaviour management at Oberstown;

- **Buildings** - the Board was updated on the progress being made to remedy deficient in the buildings. The appointment of a facilities manager will enable this process to be expedited.

Professor Ursula Kilkelly

Chair