

Report of the Board of Management on its Meeting of 9th May 2017

The following is a report of the Board of Management of Oberstown Children Detention Campus, which took place on 9th May.

- A Draft Education Policy / Strategy is currently under development between Oberstown and the School. This will be progressed between all interested parties, the Director of campus, School Principal and representatives from Department of Education.
- The Implementation Review Group has had four meetings, with good progress being made in categorising the recommendations. A full report will issue shortly to the Board.
- A monthly report from Drury PN, Oberstown communications partner was provided and the activity discussed.
- The Board are awaiting the judgment in the case against Oberstown in early June.
- The Director reported Precision Engineering Ltd, the company working on the electrical works for Unit 1 and Unit 2 went into liquidation. Arrangements with sub-contractor are in place to complete works.
- The Board discuss at length the resources on campus, with clarification from the Director, that the campus is maintaining a workforce to cover the licence of 48 boys and 6 girls.
- The Chair noted that the Association for Criminal Justice Research & Development (ACJRD) is hosting their bi-annual conference on 4 July 2017, with the theme of revising the Children Act 2001. The Chair is an invited speaker at this event on the subject of detention.
- The following draft policy documents were considered and approved by the Board: Care, Complaints, Dignity and Privacy, Health and Wellbeing and Policy on Safeguarding. It was noted that these policies have been screened by POCC (Policy Operational Consultative Committee) and the next step is engagement with staff on how to implement their policies. A briefing document will be submitted to the next meeting of the Board on the roll-out of these policies.
- Todd Prevost, Deputy Director (Residential Services) was invited to the Board Meeting and delivered a presentation on “Absenteeism Management”. It was noted with the introduction of Softworks, HR have introduced benchmarks and better reports to identify trends and patterns of absenteeism. The presentation was welcomed.
- It was confirmed the Oberstown event “Building the Future” on 9th May 2017, Smock Alley has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstance and rescheduled for 29th May 2017.

Professor Ursula Kilkelly

Chairperson

Oberstown Children Detention Campus
Oberstown, Lusk, Co Dublin

Phone: 01-8526400 email: info@oberstown.com