

Report of the Board of Management on its Meeting of 14 April 2017

The following is a report of the Board of Management of Oberstown Children Detention Campus which took place on 14 April 2017.

- Following the last meeting, Board members visited the School and at this meeting reflected on that visit. Members noted that it is an excellent facility and well laid out learning environment. The achievements of the young people are impressive and the staff are clearly committed to their work. A discussion took place about the time young people spend in School and the relationship between care and education at Oberstown.
- The Board was updated on the work of the Review Implementation Group, which has had three meetings so far. Progress has been made in the categorisation of the recommendations, with work ongoing to identify urgent recommendations. A full report will issue to the next Board meeting.
- A monthly report from Drury PN, Oberstown's communications partner, was provided and the activity discussed.
- Details of the Action Plan were provided. The Board will be informed once the tenders for the Strategic Planning process have been assessed.
- The Board was formally advised that the Order of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs of 30 March 2017 has ended young people being sent to adult prison. The significance of this event was welcomed by the Board and the implicit confidence in Oberstown was noted.
- Discussion took place of arrangements and planning underway to enable the accommodation of young people on remand in Units 1 and 2, with Unit 5 as backup. The Board reaffirmed that it is the responsibility of the Director to manage the move, with the understanding that all necessary health and safety measures are in place.
- The Group on Limited PPEs, chaired by Colm Barclay, has not yet completed its work, but a report is expected in May 2017.
- Informal feedback from the Behaviour Management Review was received on 5th April and the final report will be available in May 2017.
- Informal feedback from HIQA, following its latest inspection, was provided to Oberstown with a draft report expected in May 2017.
- Due to time constraints, the policies item was deferred to the next meeting. In the meantime, feedback will be returned to the author and the policies will be revised and scheduled for the next meeting.
- A presentation was given by Cara Driscoll, Psychologist, on the work undertaken to support the Campus in the areas of Critical Incident and Crisis Management. Ms Driscoll was complimented on her leadership and best wishes were offered to all staff engaged in this important activity, with particular congratulations to the staff who recently completed the peer support programme.
- An event showcasing the excellent work underway at Oberstown supporting young people and staff will be held on May 9th 2017. The Minister for Children and Youth Affairs will officially launch the Bail Supervision Scheme at the event.

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Chairperson