

Oberstown Children's Detention Campus responds to HIQA inspection report

Thursday, August 3: HIQA today released its report following a four-day inspection carried out at Oberstown Campus in March, 2017.

As part of the inspection, inspectors met with children, staff, and professionals from other agencies. Inspectors observed practices and reviewed documentation such as children's placement plans, policies and procedures, minutes of staff meetings, management meetings and board meetings, children's files and staff files.

A comprehensive Action Plan developed by Oberstown following the inspection was accepted by HIQA and is currently being implemented by the Oberstown Campus.

Pat Bergin, Director Oberstown, said:

"We accept the findings of the HIQA report and have worked together to produce an Action Plan to address the key recommendations. We are pleased that the HIQA report documents the progress that has been made at Oberstown to date.

Positive developments HIQA noted during the inspection included that:

- Young people were receiving adequate emotional and psychological care.
- Educational needs of the young people were assessed and met.
- Young people were given information about their rights, were consulted and given choices.
- Staff training had improved and a system of formal supervision had been introduced.
- New governance arrangements were in place, new senior managers had been recruited and human resources department had been developed
- An electronic system of recording and managing information to underpin many of the new developments was in the process of being developed and implemented.

"As the report highlights, Oberstown is going through a period of major change," Mr Bergin added.

"Challenges remain and the Action Plan that has been developed will assist in meeting these and further building on the progress achieved at the Campus as a single facility over the last year."

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Note to Editors:

- The HIQA report and Oberstown Action Plan is available from HIQA.com and Oberstown.com.
- Hi-res images are available from Oberstown upon request.

1. [Oberstown](#)

Oberstown Children Detention Campus provides a safe and secure environment for children who are placed in the campus by a court. The objective of Oberstown is to provide children in the campus with education and development in order to address and change offending behaviour, so that they can return and contribute positively to their families and communities.

In June 2016 a single Oberstown campus was established, bringing together three children detention schools – Trinity House, Oberstown Boys' School and Oberstown Girls' School.

2. [HIQA Inspections](#)

The Health Information and Quality Authority (the Authority or HIQA) is authorised by the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs under section 185 of the Children Act 2001, as amended, to inspect the Oberstown Children Detention Campus.

The Authority inspects the Oberstown Children Detention Campus against the [Standards and Criteria for Children Detention Schools, 2008](#) and advises the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs.

2. [CEHOP](#)

Oberstown helps young people to address their offending behaviour through a programme centred on their care, education and health needs.

Upon arrival each young person is assessed and an individual care plan is developed by a multi-disciplinary team. This produces a bespoke journey through care plan for each young person. This is achieved through a unique care model, developed by Oberstown, in which relationship building is key addressing core areas of care, education, health, offending behaviours and preparation for return to family and communities.