

### **Report of the Board of Management Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

The following is a report of the Board of Management of Oberstown Children Detention Campus, which took place on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

- The Chair and Director attended the 11<sup>th</sup> European Forum on the Rights of the Child organised by the EU on 6 & 7 November 2017. Both presented at the event and the message they delivered from Oberstown receive positive feedback.
- The Chair and Director appeared before the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Children and Youth Affairs on 8<sup>th</sup> November to discuss the HIQA Inspection Report 2017. They were interviewed on areas identified where Oberstown fell down in the Inspection such as medical and health management, restrictive practices and staff supports. There will be further follow up and updates with the Committee. The Director has developed an Action Plan that addresses the areas of improvement identified by the HIQA Inspection, which is updated monthly.
- An Action Plan for the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2017-2020 was circulated and noted. The Plan clearly maps out the actions, the measurable and timelines along with the nominated owners to ensure the Plan is followed through. A quarterly update go to the Board of Management.
- In relation to 4 young people taking a legal action against Oberstown concerning single separation, a High Court Judgement was made on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017. There were 3 adverse findings against Oberstown in favour of the young people, contact with family, access of outdoors and keeping of accurate records. These 4 young people were awarded €100 by the Court. A further Court hearing is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> December to address costs among other matters.
- A point in time statistical analysis report was circulated. This bulletin gives a bird's eye view of the young people on campus in terms of their background, health and wellbeing, offending behaviour, education and care. This report will be one on a random day of each month and makes for interesting reading. The bulletin is available under Campus Stats on [www.oberstown.com](http://www.oberstown.com)
- Both the Chair of the Finance, Audit and Risk Sub-Committee and the Chair of the Governance Sub-Committee briefed the Board on their recent meetings. Work is progressing in these areas with the monitoring and reviewing the 2017 Financial Accounts and Risk Register 2017 along with the development of a Governance Handbook for the Board of Management.
- Communication and consultation is continuing with young people through the Participation Hub on Inspections Standards along with the development of a booklet by EPIC in partnership with the young people.
- The Director gave an update on the Oberstown general building and maintenance works, with notably, the fitting of steel doors in Unit 8 to commence shortly and additional permanent outside lighting will be erected by year-end. Aramark have been awarded the Facilities Management contract for Campus.
- The new provisions for the Children First Act including mandated reporting will come into effect from 11th December 2017. An opinion from Oberstown will be prepared and circulated, documenting the impact of these new measures.

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