

Oberstown Statement

Pat Bergin, Director, Oberstown said:

“We welcome the judgment of Justice Ní Raifeartaigh today. These cases followed on from a serious incident in Oberstown in August 2016 and a challenging time on the Campus. Since that time substantial improvements have been made both to bring stability to operations and to effect important change in line with legislation and policy. In particular, in March 2017, Oberstown took responsibility for all young people under 18 years remanded or sentenced by the courts, enabling Ireland to end the practice of sending children to adult prison.

“We have yet to consider the contents of today’s judgement in detail and so will reserve further comment until we have had an opportunity to examine the judgment in full. In the meantime, Oberstown continues to provide a safe and secure environment for children who are placed in the campus by the courts.”

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Notes

- Please find attached [here](#) an overview of Oberstown activity in 2017.
- Hi-res images of Oberstown are available [here](#).
- Oberstown’s ‘Not just Language’ one page guide on appropriate terminology in reporting on young people in detention [here](#).