

### **Report of the Board of Management Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

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

- Having considered recent data on the educational needs and backgrounds of young people in Oberstown, an ad hoc sub-committee of the Board has been set up to review these needs and consider the type and level of educational provision required to meet those needs. This work will begin in the New Year.
- Following commencement of the Children First Act 2015 on 11 December 2017, the Board considered the implications of the new legislation and noted the steps being taken to promote compliance by staff.
- Sub-Committees – Both the Chair of the Governance Sub-Committee and the Chair of the Finance, Audit and Risk Sub-Committee provided notes to the Board on recent progress. The Terms of Reference of the Governance Sub-Committee were agreed and Governance training is scheduled for early 2018.
- Media Summary – The Chair advised the Board of her OpEd publication in the Irish Examiner (14.12.2017) in advance of the launch of the Strategic Plan 2017-2020 later that day. Strong media interest was noted.
- Visit of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs to Campus – The Chair advised that the Campus Council had written to the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs highlighting the positive aspects of the Campus and that the Minister has responded with a visit to the Campus in January 2018.
- Point in Time Statistics Reporting – this monthly snapshot information on young people on Campus prompted discussion around the acute mental health needs of some young people on Campus. The importance of reviewing trends overtime was highlighted.
- District Court Judges Seminar - The Chair updated the Board to a presentation she delivered to District Court Judges regarding the 'Key Characteristics' data which received positive feedback.
- Review Implementation Group Report 2017 – The final report from the Review Implementation Group was presented to the Board, together with the accompanying plan. The extent of work involved was noted and the Chair thanked all members of the Group for their work throughout 2017. The final report will be forwarded to the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs on schedule before the end of December 2017.
- POCC Group – The Director advised the Board of a meeting to be facilitated with the Union in January 2018 to discuss the POCC.
- Lusk Community Group – The Director met with Lusk Community Group resulting in a positive outcome.
- IYJS Meeting - The Director met with IYJS in relation to a number of issues including and not exclusive to PPE/Body Cams and On Call: Deputy Director's arrangements. A presentation is to be delivered by the Director to the Board in January 2018 on issues related to body cams and PPE.
- Restrictive Practices – The Board will continue to closely monitor this area of Campus activity.
- HIQA Action Plan – The update to the HIQA Action Plan was considered and the Chair advised that this will remain on the Agenda to ensure pro-active management of all actions.
- Risk Register – Greg Flanagan Deputy Director (Risk and Safety) presented the Risk Register to the Board for discussion. The Board will undertake a process to add Board/High Level risks to the Risk Register.
- The Board expressed its thanks to Anne-Marie Lyster, Secretary to the Board, who is leaving Oberstown, for her extensive work supporting and professionalising the Board and its sub-committees during 2017.

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