

Bulletin on the Board of Management Meeting held on 18th July 2018

The following is an update on the Board of Management of Oberstown Children Detention Campus, meeting which took place on Wednesday 18th July 2018.

Ref	Subject	Summary
1.	Operational Review	The Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Dr Katherine Zappone, TD has advised the Board of her decision not to publish the report of the Operational Review.
2.	Governance, Finance and Risk	A draft Governance Handbook was presented to Board for consideration. It is intended to complete the Handbook by the end of 2018 to ensure compliance with the Children Act 2001 and the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies. The Board was advised that the 2017 Audit of the Comptroller and Auditor General is almost complete.
3.	Single Separations	The Board welcomed a reported reduction in the overall numbers of single separation for young people in June 2018. Deputy Director, Damien Hernon, presented anonymous case studies on single separations to provide the Board with an understanding of how single separations practices are used on Campus.
4.	Engagement with Young People	The Director reported on an individual consultation that had taken place with all young people on Campus to identify any concerns or issues. All matters raised have been or are now being addressed. The Board welcomed this engagement and asked that it continue to become embedded in practice in line with the Campus Participation Strategy.
5.	Offending Behaviour	Deputy Director, Damien Hernon, presented evidence to the Board on the reported reduction in offending behaviour on Campus. It was noted that a range of factors have contributed to a more stable, safer environment including: early intervention; preventing incidents from escalating; the availability of Deputy Directors to provide direct support and input out of hours and a focus on building relationships with young people from admission.
6.	Physical Intervention Demonstration	The Board received a demonstration of the types of physical intervention used with young people to give members a better understanding of the practises behind the figures presented to them on a monthly basis.
7.	Annual Report	Copies of the draft Annual Report were circulated to the Board for consideration and comment. The new format of the report was welcomed and comments and suggested improvements will be brought to the attention of the design team.

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