

## **Purpose and function of the Oberstown Children Detention Campus**

The Oberstown Children Detention Campus (Oberstown) is a national service located in North County Dublin and accommodates young people sent to the campus by the Courts. It is part of the Irish Youth Justice Service which is part of the Department of Children and Youth Affairs. It is licensed to accommodate 48 boys and 6 girls under the Children Act 2001. Only boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18 can be remanded or placed on detention orders by the court to the campus.

The principal objectives of Oberstown is to provide appropriate residential care, educational and training programmes and facilities for young people referred to them by a court having regard to their health, safety, welfare and interests, including their physical, psychological and emotional wellbeing. The frame work for providing these objectives is through CEHOP which focus on providing **Care, Education, Health** and well being interventions, **Offending** behaviour programmes and **P**lanning for release.

Oberstown works with a range of other agencies and disciplines to lead in the care needs of the young people while on campus. Placement planning for young people while on the campus is a priority so as to ensure the time spent of the campus is as effective as possible to achieve the best outcomes for them.

Oberstown will identify and make available the resources where possible to achieve the objectives of the campus. This will include staff resources, modern approaches to working with young people in detention, programmes to reduce offending behaviour and supporting staff through training and professional development.

### **Vision:**

That all children deprived of their liberty in Ireland will be supported to live meaningful lives.

### **Mission:**

Oberstown must provide high standard of care, education, health services, offending behaviour programmes and preparation plans for release within a safe and secure environment for children detained or remanded by order of the courts in line with the Children Act 2001.

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