

Bulletin on the Board of Management Meeting held on 10th September 2019

The following is a summary of the meeting of the Board of Management of Oberstown Children Detention Campus held on Tuesday 10th September 2019.

Ref	Subject	Summary
1.	Welcome from Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Dr Katherine Zappone, TD	The Chairperson welcomed Board members to the first meeting of the new Oberstown Board of Management, appointed 1 June 2019 for various terms. The Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Dr Katherine Zappone, TD addressed the Board, thanking members for their commitment to Oberstown and for agreeing to take on the responsibility of their Board appointment. She commended the great progress and achievements under the leadership of the Chairperson and Director, together with the previous Board, and expressed her belief that, given the excellent mix of skills and experience, the new Board would continue this important work with her full support and that of her Department.
2.	Board Committees	The Chairperson advised that the previous Board had two standing committees and that she was proposing to re-constitute these as follows: 1. Governance committee 2. Audit & Risk committee Membership and terms of reference will be revised accordingly.
3.	Children's Rights Policy Framework	The policy framework including 12 Campus Rules, was presented to the new Board of Management, recalling its development and consultation under the previous Board. The Board agreed to forward the framework to the Department of Children and Youth Affairs with a view to seeking the Minister's consent to adopt the Rules under section 179 of the Children Act 2001.
4.	Restrictive Practices	The Board reviewed information around the use of Single Separation, Physical Intervention and use of Handcuffs for the period January – July 2019. With regard to Single Separation, the Director advised the Board that the focus is on trying to reduce both the use of single separation and the length of time for which it is used. This has been reduced by two thirds over two years by achieving stability in Campus operations, staff engagement with young people, daily monitoring of the practice and a focus on returning young people to their normal routine as quickly as possible after a period of Separation. Scrutiny of this data to continue.
5.	Facilities	The Board noted that urgent remedial works are required for Units 1 & 2 and highlighted the need to proceed expeditiously with these works in stages. It welcomed that Stage 1 is expected to commence in October 2019.
6.	H IQA	The Board were updated on the themed HIQA Inspection that took place on 16-18 July 2019. A draft report was issued in August and Oberstown provided a factual accuracy response. The Director will keep the Board updated as the process develops.

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