

## **Bulletin on the Board of Management Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

The following is a summary of the Board of Management of Oberstown Children Detention Campus meeting that took place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Ref	Subject	Summary
1.	Education	Nichola Spokes, Director of Schools, Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB) gave a comprehensive presentation to the Board, outlining the role of DDLETB in Oberstown and its ambitious vision for the school. The Board warmly welcomed the presentation and commended the dynamic, committed and co-operative approach now underway to improve the education and the educational experience provided to young people in Oberstown.
2.	Board Committees	<p><b>Governance Committee:</b> The Governance Committee presented the Board with its workplan priorities for 2020. The Governance committee commenced the process of developing a training programme for all Board members.</p> <p><b>Audit &amp; Risk Committee:</b> The Chair of the Audit &amp; Risk Committee advised the Board that 2018 Annual Accounts had been submitted to the C&amp;AG in December 2019 and that an Audit Certificate had been received.</p>
3.	Restrictive Practices	The Board considered data showing a year-on-year comparison in the use of single separation from 2016-2019. An annual, substantial reduction in the use of single separation was warmly welcomed by the Board. The Board encouraged even further ambition in this area, and noted the Director's confirmation that further reductions in the use of restrictive practices would continue to be a priority.
4.	HIQA Inspection REport	The Board considered the report from HIQA on its inspection in June 2019, which was published in January 2020, together with the management action plan. While acknowledging that there remain areas for improvement, the Board noted that the report had significant positive elements (highlighted in particular by the experiences of young people) and commended the Director and Oberstown staff for all the improvements explicitly and implicitly recognised in the report. The Board also welcomed the positive remarks in the associated press release of Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Dr Zappone.
5.	Strategic Planning	The Board noted a workplan which identifies the priorities to be delivered in final stage of the Strategic Plan 2017-2020. Work on the next Strategic Plan 2021 – 2023 is in progress and will seek to build on what has already been achieved.

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