

Bulletin on the Board of Management Meeting held on 16th April 2020

The following is a summary of the Board of Management of Oberstown Children Detention Campus meeting that took place on Thursday 16th April 2020.

Ref	Subject	Summary
1.	Introduction	Due to the restrictions associated with COVID-19, the Board meeting took place via a video conference, a Board first.
2.	Board Committees	<p>Governance Committee The Board approved the Governance Committee workplan for 2020 and received an update on the progress of specific items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk management training with the IPA • Board Effectiveness Review • Code of Practice Compliance • Communication and reporting. <p>Audit & Risk Committee The Chair of the Audit & Risk Committee confirmed that the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2019 were submitted to the C&AG on 31st March 2020.</p>
3.	Covid 19	The Director confirmed that, as of 16 th April 2020, the Campus remained COVID-19 free. He provided an update on the measures in place to deal with managing the normal running of the Campus in the current climate and also the contingency measures in place in the event of an outbreak of the virus. The Board received a report from the Advocacy Officer detailing feedback from young people on the use of video-conferencing for visits.
4	Restrictive Practices	<p>The Board noted an increase of incidents of single separation, which it agreed to keep under close review. Members welcomed the positive trend whereby the majority of time periods has moved from the longer periods to shorter periods, ie 3 and 6 hours.</p> <p>The Board noted an increase in physical interventions in March 2020 and welcomed that safety plans in place to support the behaviour of particular young people on Campus.</p> <p>Particularly close scrutiny of restrictive practices will continue, especially during the COVID 19 period, a matter to be brought to the attention of all staff.</p>
5.	Strategic Planning	The Board welcomed the minutes of the first meeting of the Board's Strategy Committee, established to support the continuity of the Campus strategic planning process. The Board welcomed the plan to continue the process of consultation with young people, staff and external stakeholders using an adapted timeframe and methodology in light of COVID 19 restrictions.
6.	Staffing	The Board noted the appointment of Mr. Matthew Kelly as the new Communications Officer. It noted that the process to appoint a Chief People Office will continue in April using video-conferencing.

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