

## **Bulletin on the Board of Management Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020**

The following is a summary of the Board of Management of Oberstown Children Detention Campus meeting that took place via Zoom on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020.

Ref	Subject	Summary
1.	<b>Transition &amp; Succession</b>	In light of the Director's decision to leave the role, the Board approved the establishment of a Transition and Succession Group to oversee transition and succession arrangements with respect to the role of Director.
2.	<b>Young People</b>	The Board approved a format for structured Board engagement with young people for implementation in Autumn 2020. This has been a priority for some time and was welcomed by the Board.
3.	<b>Board Committees</b>	<p><b>Governance Committee</b> The Board received the results of a self-effectiveness survey carried out in June 2020. The Board noted a lot of positive feedback and welcomed an update on actions to address areas that need improvement.</p> <p><b>Audit &amp; Risk Committee</b> The Chair updated the Board on a Review of Budgeting and Financial Reporting which took place in June 2020. The report was very positive with a number of the recommendations having been implemented prior to the report being received.</p>
4.	<b>Covid 19</b>	The Director confirmed that the Campus remains free of COVID 19. In line with national requirements, the Campus has established a working group to review aspects of the operations of the campus to ensure compliance with the Government Roadmap and the Return to Work Safely protocol.
5.	<b>Restrictive Practices</b>	Following a rise in May, single separation figures reduced to more typical levels in June; use of Physical Intervention increased in June 2020. There were no handcuffs used on Campus by Campus staff in June.
6.	<b>Children's Rights Framework</b>	The Board approved the final version of the Campus rules. These form the basis of the Children's Rights Framework intended to be a coherent, complete framework for protection of children's rights. The impact on young people will be tracked. The Board also approved a consultation and implementation plan for the Children's Rights Framework which has an implementation date of 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021.
7.	<b>Horizon Scanning</b>	The Board has introduced Horizon Scanning as an agenda item, the purpose is to situate Oberstown in its wider/international context and keep members up to date on relevant developments. To start this process, the Director gave the Board a presentation, comparing the approach to young people in detention in New Zealand and Ireland following his visit to child detention facilities in New Zealand in 2019. He outlined the differences and similarities between the two approaches and highlighted areas where Oberstown performed well.

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