

Bulletin on the Board of Management Meeting held on 9th September 2020

The following is a summary of the Board of Management of Oberstown Children Detention Campus meeting that took place via Zoom on Wednesday 9th September 2020.

Ref	Subject	Summary
1.	Transition & Succession Committee	The Transition & Succession Committee updated the Board on the recruitment process for the role of Director. The Board formally approved the appointment of Damien Heron as Director on an Interim basis pending the filling of the role through open competition.
2.	Board Committees	<p>Governance Committee The Chair updated the Board on a proposal for the re-structuring of Board Committees to be progressed by the Committee at their meeting on 6th October 2020.</p> <p>Audit & Risk Committee The Chair updated the Board on open items for the Committee and advised that an audit of procurement in Oberstown was scheduled to commence on 14th September 2020.</p>
3.	Covid 19	The Director confirmed that the Campus remains free of COVID 19. Operational measures continue to be put in place on Campus to support the operations of the Campus while adhering to the national guidelines on the re-opening of society and business.
4.	Restrictive Practices	There was a further reduction in Single Separation figures since July; use of Physical Intervention decreased in July 2020. There were no handcuffs used on Campus by Campus staff since the Board meeting on 22 nd July 2020. The Board welcomed the downward trend in restrictive practices.
5.	Education	<p>The Board was advised that the school had re-opened on 26th August, with measures in place to manage the risk of Covid 19 and to ensure everyone's safety. The new School Principal, Susanne Fitzpatrick, commenced in post on 31st August 2020.</p> <p>The Board welcomed the return to education for the young people and the appointment of the new Principal.</p>
6.	Strategic Planning	The Director gave the Board a presentation on recent consultation with staff around the development of the next Strategic Plan. The inputs from staff will be considered by the Senior Management Team with oversight from the Strategy Committee of the Board.
7.	Director	As this was the final meeting attended by the Director, Pat Bergin, the Chair paid tribute to his enormous contribution to Oberstown. She thanked him for his tireless work, vision and passion in the pursuit of a better organisation. Both current and former Board members expressed gratitude for the dedication, commitment, leadership and understanding of young people shown by the Director in the past seven years. All wished him well in his new role.

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