

Bulletin on the Board of Management Meeting held on 18th February 2021

The following is a summary of the Board of Management of Oberstown Children Detention Campus meeting that took place via Zoom on 18th February 2021.

Ref	Subject	Summary
1.	COVID 19	The Board was advised that efforts to keep the Campus Covid-19 free are ongoing and the range of measures introduced in recent weeks remain in place.
2.	Meeting with the Minister.	The Chair updated the Board about her meeting with Mr Roderic O’Gorman, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. The meeting was very constructive, and the Minister thanked the Chair and the Board of Management for their continuing commitment to Oberstown.
3.	Board Committees	<p>Governance Committee</p> <p>The minutes of the Governance Committee meeting of 9th February 2021 were noted by the Board with the following points noted by the Chair (UK):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance Handbook is to be kept under continuous review. • Risk Management is to be embedded in the work of all Board Committees. • The Governance Committee submitted an Annual Report to the Board. <p>People & Culture Committee</p> <p>The Terms of Reference of the People & Culture Committee were approved by the Board.</p>
4.	Restrictive Practices	There were 44 incidents of single separation in January 2021 involving 17 young people. This is a 22% increase since December 2020. The increase is associated with one young person who has a very complex set of needs and is presenting with challenging behaviour. There were 14 physical interventions by staff on Campus involving 7 young people. This is a slight increase on previous figures.
5.	HIQA	The Board welcomed the HIQA inspection report of Oberstown Children Detention Campus carried out on 8th December - 10th December 2020, details of which will be shared on publication.
6.	Executive Engagement with the Board	Marina McGarry, Deputy Director for Operations, gave the Board a presentation on restrictive practices, detailing strategies to review and reduce their use. The Board welcomed the greater understanding of data on restrictive practice that the presentation provided, and extended support to efforts to review and reduce restrictive practices even further.
7.	Engagement with Young People	The Advocacy Officer’s report, detailing engagement with young people for the period 1st – 31st January 2021, was noted by the Board. The report included feedback from young people on their experience of physical court appearances, and the use of the two cell vehicle for transport to court.
8.	Strategy	The minutes of the Strategy Committee meeting of 1 st February 2021 were noted. The Committee Chair (JMCD) gave an update on the strategic planning process.

9.	Premises	The proposed works to enable the move from Units 1 & 2 are on schedule for completion by end of Q1, 2021. This will facilitate the move from the remand units to the detention side of the Campus in Q2 2021.
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Professor Ursula Kilkelly

Chairperson