

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

The following is a summary of the Board of Management of Oberstown Children Detention Campus meeting that took place via Zoom on Wednesday 16th December 2020.

Ref	Subject	Summary
1.	Board Committees	<p>Audit & Risk Committee The Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2019 were approved by the Board. The Chair of the Board thanked the Finance Team for their work on the Financial Statements and noted significant improvements in the process year on year.</p> <p>Governance Committee The Board noted the minutes of the Governance Committee meeting of 3rd December. The following were approved: the Governance Handbook; the revised Terms of Reference for the Committee; the Governance Committee workplan for 2021; the Code of Conduct for Board Members and the membership of the new People & Culture Committee.</p>
2.	COVID 19	<p>As of 16th December, the Campus is COVID free. Local visits for young people resumed on 14th December with cross county visits opening on 18th December. During November, three young people tested negative for COVID 19.</p> <p>The work of the CSIMC, management and all staff who have taken personal responsibility for the care of the Campus have all been key factors in responding positively to challenges presented by the pandemic.</p>
3.	Restrictive Practices	<p>The Board welcomed a 25% reduction in single separations since October 2020. There was one incident of physical intervention, a decreasing statistic. No handcuffs were used on Campus since the Board meeting in November.</p>
4.	Activities	<p>In place of the traditional Christmas dinner for the Man O'War Senior Citizen Group, young people prepared individual gifts, which were extremely well received. The Board Community Representative extended warm wishes and gratitude to the young people on behalf of the local community.</p>
5.	Executive Engagement	<p>Suzanne Fitzpatrick, Oberstown School Principal, who took up the position in August 2020, gave a detailed presentation to the Board on her role and her vision for the school. The range of recent changes introduced were outlined. The Board warmly welcomed the presentation and expressed appreciation for the collaborative and flexible approach being taken to the provision of education on Campus.</p>
6.	Strategy	<p>The Interim Director presented the Continuity Plan to the Board, outlining that consultation with external stakeholders and young people will take place in early 2021, building on the staff views gathered in 2020. The Strategic Plan 2021-2023 will be in place in June 2021.</p> <p>The Board approved the Terms of Reference for the Strategy Committee.</p>
7.	Care Policies	<p>The Board extended the care policies to 31st March 2020 to facilitate the delayed implementation of the Children's Rights Policy Framework on 1st April 2020.</p>

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