

## **Bulletin on the Board of Management Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

The following is a summary of the Board of Management of Oberstown Children Detention Campus meeting that took place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Ref	Subject	Summary
1.	<b>Board Membership</b>	Pat Rooney, Community Representative, advised the Board of his decision to resign for personal reasons. Mr Rooney served on the Board of Oberstown for over 27 years. The Chair paid tribute to Mr Rooney's long service and dedication to Oberstown and to the Board, and thanked him for his valuable input, wisdom and experience.
2.	<b>Board Committees</b>	<p><b>Governance Committee:</b> The minutes of the Governance Committee meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 were noted with the following points highlighted by the Chair (UK):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Board Excellence</i> have been appointed to undertake an external evaluation of the Board of Management.</li> <li>• A new process was approved to identify staff members to be nominated for appointment to the Board by the Minister. As the current staff members are eligible and wish to be re-appointed, this process will take effect when a vacancy arises. An equivalent process was approved for the nomination of Community Representatives.</li> </ul> <p><b>Strategy Committee:</b> The minutes of the Strategy Committee meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 were noted. The Chair (JMCD) outlined the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Oberstown Vision was reviewed</li> <li>• Consultation with External Stakeholders was discussed.</li> <li>• The Committee agreed to appoint an external facilitator to support the development of the Strategic Plan. This was approved by the Board.</li> </ul> <p><b>Young People Committee:</b> The minutes of the Young People Committee meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> May were noted with the following highlighted by the Chair (JG):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee would like to meet with more young people to gain a broader perspective of the young people on Campus. It is envisaged this will happen when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.</li> </ul>
3.	<b>Young People on Campus</b>	As of 31/05/2021, there was a total of 29 young people on detention and remand orders, including one girl; of the 29, two were on permitted absence. With regards to ACTS services on Campus, an Addiction Counsellor commenced on site in May and the successful candidate for the Psychologist's position is due to commence by the end of June.
4.	<b>COVID 19</b>	The Director reported that there has been an excellent uptake of vaccination with 98% of Campus staff now fully vaccinated. While vaccination has brought confidence to the Campus, it is important to continue to adhere to public health measures against COVID-19.

5.	<b>Restrictive Practices</b>	<p>The Board noted 15 incidents of single separation in May 2021, involving nine young people and was briefed on underlying factors. One incident of single separation spanned over two days.</p> <p>There were five physical interventions involving five young people.</p> <p>Handcuffs were used on one occasion during May and the Director outlined the circumstances which were considered appropriate.</p> <p>The Chair and Director will consider the frequency and nature of the reporting of Restrictive Practices, in order to enable a focus on trends.</p>
6.	<b>Premises</b>	<p>The move from Unit 1 and Unit 2 is currently due to take place in the week commencing 19th July 2021. Construction works of the road and gateway and the training building were completed on 18/06/2021. The Director described the implications of the move and outlined the risk assessment process underway, which will ultimately determine the timing of the move. The Board welcomed the briefing and noted the positive benefits associated with accommodating all young people in the new residential units.</p>
7.	<b>Children's Rights Policy Framework</b>	<p>In order to finalise training for the implementation of the Children's Rights Policy Framework, the Board extended all current care policies until 31st August 2021. The Children's Rights Policy Framework will be implemented from 1st September 2021 and the Director will present a comprehensive report to the Board on this process.</p>
8.	<b>Communication &amp; Engagement</b>	<p>Following Board approval, the Annual Report 2020 was submitted to the Minister for Children and was subsequently laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas.</p> <p>The Board approved an exercise in stakeholder mapping, to identify the different types of stakeholder groups, their relative relevance and importance to Oberstown and the form and frequency that engagement and communication with such groups should take.</p>

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