

Bulletin on the Board of Management Meeting held on 21st July 2021

The following is a summary of the Board of Management of Oberstown Children Detention Campus meeting that took place on Wednesday 21st July 2021.

Ref	Subject	Summary
1.	Board Committees	<p>Audit & Risk Committee: The minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting of 8th July 2021 were noted with the following points highlighted by the Chair (BC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Head of Risk updated the Committee on the work that has been undertaken to develop a Risk Management Framework. The Audit & Risk Committee will monitor the progress of this project. The Board approved the Internal Audit Charter. <p>Strategy Committee: The minutes of the Strategy Committee meeting of 14th July 2021 were noted. The Chair (JMCD) outlined the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A facilitator is being appointed; the Committee will meet again and the timeline will be reviewed once the facilitator is in place. A document is under discussion will act as an aid to the facilitator. <p>Young People Committee: The Chair of the Young People Committee (JG) provided an update to the Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An event was held on Campus on 25th June 2021 to recognise the contribution of the two young people involved in the Director Recruitment process and the Campus Council. Both young people were presented with certificates. The Committee is looking forward to working with new members of the Campus Council. It is proposed to bring the Advocacy Officer reports to the Young People Committee as part of their work schedule so that they can be discussed in context of the Committee's work. The Committee intends to broaden their engagement with young people across the Campus as soon as COVID restrictions permit.
2.	Young People on Campus	As of 30/06/2021, there were 25 young people on detention and remand orders, including one girl; there were no young people on permitted absence.
3.	COVID 19	<p>The Board noted the updated Campus COVID-19 Resilience Plan V4 with details the current COVID-19 safety measures and protocols in place. The Board requested that consideration be given to a more flexible approach to visits for young people that are currently screened due to the risks associated with COVID-19.</p> <p>The Director advised that the Campus is seeking access to the vaccination programme for young people aged 18 and over. The Board welcomed this initiative.</p>
4.	Restrictive Practices	The Board discussed the data on restrictive practices in detail, with consideration of the use, frequency and reasons behind the practices. The Board recommended that the presentation of this data be reviewed in order to enhance the Board's oversight function/review of the implementation of policy.

5.	Participation Framework	The Board welcomed the National Participation Framework for Children and Young People's Participation in Decision-making, as circulated. The Chair proposed that the Board Young People Committee use the Framework to review and refresh the Campus Participation Strategy.
6.	Activities	The Board was updated on plans that are underway to set up a number of initiatives including weekly Park Runs for staff and young people. Former professional boxer, Kenneth Egan, is delivering motivational workshops to young people over a three-week period and the possibility of a boxing academy on Campus is being explored. In addition, a professional triathlete Ger Redmond is also delivering motivational workshops to young people.
7.	Cyber Security	<p>Tom Gannon, IT Project Leader, provided the Board with an overview of the IT Framework, outlining which areas were outsourced to the Department of Justice and which were managed in-house. He outlined the risks associated with an outsourced IT model, stressing that outsourcing IT services did not outsource the risk.</p> <p>Mazars updated the Board on an Information Security Review, undertaken by Mazars in their capacity as data protection consultants. The Audit & Risk Committee is undertaking a separate review of cyber security as part of the internal audit function. This will be progressed by that Committee.</p> <p>The Chair of the Audit & Risk Committee advised that the presentation was designed to provide the Board with an overview of the Oberstown IT Framework, and current cyber security risks. The Committee is proactively seeking assurances and oversight in this area in this critical area on behalf of the Board.</p>
8.	Communication & Engagement	The Board was updated on the Oberstown Stakeholder event which will take place on 28th July 2021.
9.	Horizon Scanning: The Future of Oberstown: Planning & Options	The Chairperson updated the Board on a meeting which took place between the Chairperson, Director and DCEDIY to discuss key issues relating to future planning for Oberstown. A summary of key priorities identified was provided; Data analysis and research is necessary to scope out these issues, which need to be identified in the new Oberstown strategy, notwithstanding that they are long-term in nature.

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