

Bulletin on the Board of Management Meeting held on 26 January 2023

The following is a summary of the Board of Management of Oberstown Children Detention Campus meeting that took place on Thursday 26 January 2023.

Ref	Subject	Summary
1.	Board & Committee Membership	<p>The Chair welcomed Úna Ní Dhubhghaill, the new DECDIY nominee, to her first meeting.</p> <p>A Research Group, made up of experienced academics, has been established with the aim of developing a research plan for Oberstown and to put in place a framework to support and govern research carried out in Oberstown.</p> <p>The following updates to Board Committee membership were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Quigley will chair the Governance Committee and Research Steering Group • Úna Ní Dhubhghaill will join the Strategy Committee.
2.	Director's Report	<p>The Director presented his January report to the Board, outlining December 2022 activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A visit from Judge Paul Kelly, President of the District Court and Justice John O' Connor, Circuit Court on December 5th. • A round table discussion on 'Shared Vision' on December 12th facilitated by Senator Lynn Ruane and the Civil Engagement Group of Seanad Éireann. • Visit from Woodlands as part of the North South Youth Justice Group on December 15th 2022.
3.	Young People Matters	<p>Michelle Griffin, Deputy Director for CEHOP updated the Board on issues which relate to young people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupancy is averaging 36 young people daily; on Christmas day there were 35 young people on Campus. • A slight increase in Separations involving 27 young people in December. There was a detailed discussion around the increase and the data. • Physical Intervention: Yearly comparison to 2021 shows that there was an overall reduction of almost 37% in such incidents in 2022. • Christmas activities and celebrations for young people. • Various projects for young people are ongoing including the horticultural project, the coffee van, bike mechanics and beehive projects.

4.	People Matters	<p>The Board considered the HR report, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff recognition awards were made with special achievement awards to the School Principal, Suzanne Fitzpatrick and Martin Kellegher of the Catering team for outstanding contribution to the organisation. • Students are due to commence placement in Social Care Worker roles (5) and Social Work roles (1) in January. • Staff Engagement Groups: two sessions planned for January 26th on Systems and Processes and on January 31st on Safety and MAPA.
5.	Executive Engagement	<p>William Lloyd, Care Office Manager, delivered a presentation on the management of the Care Office and Visitors Centre, describing processes in place, vulnerabilities and areas for development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bed Management • Admissions • Warrants & Admissions • Victim Liaison Service • DNA Sampling • Interagency Referrals • Visitors Centre and Security • Court Suites and Consultations <p>The Board thanked him for his informative and interesting presentation which highlighted a number of key priorities and risks for the organisation.</p>
6.	Board Committees	<p>The Board considered and noted the minutes of relevant board committee meetings, with commentary provided by the relevant committee Chairs.</p>

Professor Ursula Kilkelly
 Chairperson