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1. Name of Service Being Provided:

- Festivalin a Van
- 17 Eustace Street, Dublin 2, D02 F293

2. Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm:

A mobile live arts event, Festival in a Van brings live performance throughout Ireland including traditional sessions in the town square, a classical concert on the green, Shakespeare at schools. On Occasion Festival in a Van engages Children in performances. Festival in a Van tours nationwide, bringing the live performance art in part attended by Children as defined in the Child Care Act 1991

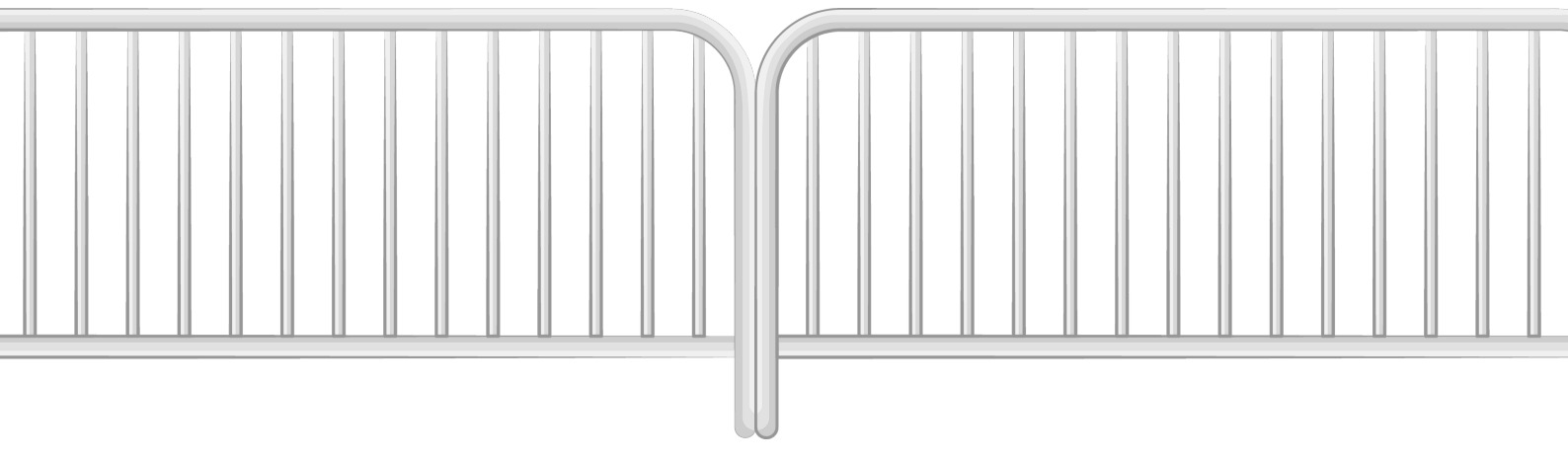
Festival in a Van Employs core staff recruiting other staff and engaging sub- contractors subject to the needs of each event.

Festival in a Van Principles to safeguard children from harm are:

- The safety andwelfare of childrenis everyone'sresponsibility
- The best interests of the child should be paramount.
- Integrity in relationships
- Quality atmosphere & ethos
- Equality

3. Risk Assessment

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services. Below is a list of the areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.



	Risk identified	Procedure in place to manage identified risk
1	Risk of a Child being Lost or unaccompanied	Customer Care Policy Code of behaviour for Staff/Volunteers working with children and young people Event Management Plan
2	Risk of Inappropriate images of Children being taken	Policy/Practice regarding official photography. Code of behaviour for Staff/Volunteers working with children and young people Reporting procedure for Staff/Volunteers
3	Risk of harm to a Child from a member of the public attending events	Security procedure, Event Management Plan Supervision of event, Supervision/ accompaniment/ admission/ Anti-bullying policies as relevant to event Gardaí support at events
4	Risk of harm to a Child from Staff/Volunteer	Recruitment and selection procedure Reporting procedure Code of behaviour/conduct for staff working with children and young people Child protection and welfare allegations against Staff/Volunteer policy and procedure Customer Care Policies, protocols, procedures

		and guidelines regarding safe practice and service delivery
5	Risk of harm or concern not being recognised or reported by Staff/Volunteer	Staff information and supervision procedure Reporting procedure

4. Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children* (2017), and Tusla's *Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice*. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:

- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing of our service;
- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children;
- Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm;
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla;
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons;
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person.

All procedures listed are available upon request.

5. Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an on-going process. Festival in a Van is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our service.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 13th March 2026, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed: Jackie Nowell - Director (Provider)

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Relevant Person under the Children First Act 2015.