

# Kilshanvey United Football Club

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## Child Safeguarding Statement


**Kilshanvey United in accordance with the FAI Handbook, Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy, other policies, procedures and our legislative requirements have agreed this Child Safeguarding Statement which is binding on all members.** Kilshanvey United is an Association Football Club, affiliated to the Galway & District League, Connacht Football Association and Football Association of Ireland. Providing sporting activities and opportunities for children and young people through participation in Association Football. Kilshanvey United offers sporting activities to children and young people from the age of four years old. Kilshanvey United has 218 members under 18 and 35 volunteers. Kilshanvey United is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of the FAI Safeguarding Policies and procedures.

### Principles to Safeguard Children from Harm

As defined in the Children First Act, 2015, "harm" means, in relation to a child (a) assault, ill-treatment, or neglect of the child in a manner that seriously affects or is likely to seriously affect the child's health, development, or welfare, or (b) sexual abuse of the child, whether caused by a single act, omission or circumstance or a series or combination of acts, omissions, or circumstances, or otherwise. This statement recognises that in accordance with legislation and the requirements of the FAI Handbook, Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy, other policies and procedures that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. The FAI is established on a number of core principles to which Kilshanvey United adhere to: - the needs of the Child, integrity and respect, environment, equality (protected regardless of race, ability, ethnicity or sexual orientation), fair play, welfare and safety in football. These underlying principles underpin our rules, policies and procedures to ensure that when Children participating in our activities, they do so, as far as is practicable, in a safe and enjoyable environment.

### Risk Assessment

In preparing this statement, Kilshanvey United have completed a Risk Assessment of the potential risk of harm to children when they are participating in any of our games and attending our activities. The risks were reviewed under the following headings: Club and Coaching Practices; Complaints & Discipline; Reporting Procedures; Use of Facilities; Recruitment; Communications; and General Risk of Harm. The Risk Assessment was undertaken on 30/11/2024. The table below lists the area of risk identified and the list of procedures and policies for managing these risks.

Risk Identified	Procedures/Policies in place	QR Code shortcut
Risk of harm including assault, ill treatment or neglect of a child in a manner that seriously affects or is likely to seriously affect the child's health, development or welfare or sexual abuse of child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy</li><li>FAI Concern-Complaint policy</li><li>FAI Handbook</li><li>Safeguarding training</li><li>Code of Conduct for Coaches, Parents and Players see <a href="https://kilshanveyutd.ie/club-policies.html">https://kilshanveyutd.ie/club-policies.html</a></li></ul>	1.FAI Child Welfare & Safeguarding Policy 




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Risk of harm of abuse when hosting an activity and or an away trip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy</li><li>FAI Concern-Complaint policy</li><li>Safeguarding training</li><li>Code of Conduct for Coaches, Parents and Players see <a href="https://kilshanveyutd.ie/club-policies.html">https://kilshanveyutd.ie/club-policies.html</a></li></ul>	2. FAI Concern-Complaint Policy 
Risk of harm of online abuse through social media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy</li><li>FAI Social Media policy</li><li>Code of Conduct for Coaches, Parents and Players see <a href="https://kilshanveyutd.ie/club-policies.html">https://kilshanveyutd.ie/club-policies.html</a></li></ul>	3. FAI Social Media Policy 
Bullying of a child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy</li><li>FAI Concern-Complaint policy</li><li>FAI Social Media policy</li><li>Code of Conduct for Coaches, Parents and Players see <a href="https://kilshanveyutd.ie/club-policies.html">https://kilshanveyutd.ie/club-policies.html</a></li></ul>	4. FAI Handbook 

The Club's Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, (the Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017)), and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice).

## Kilshanvey United has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies.

- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteers against a child availing of our activities. Process is supported through our website. See link below.  
<https://kilshanveyutd.ie/feedbackcomplaints.html>
- New Volunteer. All new volunteers, regardless of role must complete Garda Vetting and Child Safeguarding 1. They must also register their details with the club. Process is supported through our website along with training links. See link below.  
<https://kilshanveyutd.ie/volunteer.html>

All Policies and Procedures are available <https://kilshanveyutd.ie/club-policies.html>

## The Mandated Persons for Kilshanvey United are

- DLP (Designated Liaison Person, Chair)
  - Sean Dunleavy, [chair@kilshanveyutd.ie](mailto:chair@kilshanveyutd.ie), +353 87 923 3653
- Child Welfare Officer
  - Bernie Moran, [childwelfare@kilshanveyutd.ie](mailto:childwelfare@kilshanveyutd.ie), +353 87 968 5709

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*Mandated persons are elected during the club's Annual General Meeting. Should a person vacate their respective role then an Emergency General Meeting will be called within 10 days to elect a replacement.*

Kilshanvey United recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our Club is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the accompanying child welfare and safeguarding policies and procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while participating in our activities. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2026 or as soon as practicable after there has been material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

This statement has been published on the Kilshanvey United website; [www.kilshanveyutd.ie](http://www.kilshanveyutd.ie)

It has been provided to all coaches, volunteers and any other persons involved with the club. It is readily accessible to parents and guardians on request. A copy of this Statement will be made available to Tusla and members of the public if requested.

Document Review Date – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Document Reviewed by

Sean Dunleavy DLP & Chair	Bernie Moran Child Welfare Officer
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**Providers Name;** Kilshanvey United, Fitz's Field, Kilconly, Tuam, Co. Galway. H54 HY70.

