

## **Child Safeguarding Statement**

- 1. Name of service being provided: Portobello Institute
- 2. Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm (brief outline of what our service is, what we do and our commitment to safeguard children): Portobello Institute is a further and Higher Education Institute catering for persons 17 years and above. We are affiliated with QQI, London Metropolitan University and IWFM for our academic operations and accreditations.

Portobello Institute is committed to upholding the rights of every young person who attends our Institute, including the rights to be kept safe and protected from harm. Through well thought trough policies and procedures we endeavour to protect all young persons who attend a programme of study with us or attend the institute from harm, through respectful interactions which involves listening, encouraging them to share their views and to act upon these to allow young persons to fully participate in their learning and development. The wellbeing of all who attend the Institute to learn is paramount therefore Portobello Institute will seek to safeguard children and young people who attend the Institute at all times.

Portobello Institute has a comprehensive set of policies and procedures which staff and all stakeholders are made aware of, through induction training, learner and tutor handbooks, information evenings and website information. These policies include a child protection and welfare policy which is in line with the guideline set out in Children First 2015 and Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017 and the Tusla Children First - Child Safeguarding Guide 2017.

All staff, volunteers, students, who attend the Institute must be made aware of all policy and procedures through an induction process. They must agree to uphold and

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abide by all policies and procedures by signing them. This policy is monitored and reviewed at team meetings.

The child safeguarding statement and accompanying child safeguarding policies will be reviewed annually or sooner if necessary, due to Institute issues or changes in legislation or national policy.

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