

Statement of Purpose and function of Oberstown Children Detention Campus (2022 revision)

Purpose and Function

Oberstown Children Detention Campus (Oberstown) is Ireland's national centre for the care and education of young people under 18 years of age referred by the courts on remand or detention orders. Established under the Children Act 2001, the Campus provides individualised care to young people through an integrated multidisciplinary approach. This is achieved within our CEHOP* framework which considers Care, Education, Health, Offending behaviour and Preparation for leaving. By doing so, we support our young people to address their offending and make a successful return to society. We are currently licenced to accommodate 46 young people, 40 males and 6 females.

Oberstown has a Board of Management appointed by the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) under the Children Act 2001. Under the Act the Director has day-to-day responsibility *'in loco parentis'* for the young people in our care. In conjunction with the Senior Management Team, the Director has responsibility for ensuring that the needs and rights of young people are met as required by regulatory standards and legislation. We are inspected on an annual basis by the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) against our Children's Rights Policy Framework.

Vision

To provide young people with the highest standards of rights-based, child-centred care that meets their needs and enables them to maximise their potential.

Values

- We place young people at the heart of what we do
- We listen to young people, acknowledging their right to participate and influence decisions that affect them.
- We act with integrity at all times and are accountable for our actions.
- We respect each other - our staff, young people and external partners – at all times, promoting honesty and authenticity.
- We work in partnership to fulfil our shared vision.
- We foster learning, encouraging new ideas and ways of working.

Strategic Objectives

1. We will provide the best possible child – centred, individualised, rights - based care and education to young people.
2. We will foster a culture of leadership, learning and resilience among our staff.
3. We will partner with families, communities, agencies and services to deliver the best possible outcomes for our young people.
4. We will ensure that our governance, practices and decision making, at all levels, and are transparent, data – driven and evidence – based.
5. We will promote the sustainable development of the Oberstown Campus and the organisation.