



**Oberstown Children Detention Campus**  
**Victim Liaison Service**  
**Keeping Victims Informed**



## Introduction

The Criminal Justice (Victims of Crime) Act 2017, commenced in November 2017. Oberstown Children Detention Campus is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities as outlined under Part 2 of the Act. Victims of crime can voluntarily register with Oberstown.

## The Role of the Victim Liaison Service

The Children Act, 2001 as amended (the Act), supports the reintegration of young people in detention into their communities/society. Where victims of crime so request, Oberstown Victim Liaison Service will enter into direct contact with them on an ongoing basis to inform them of significant developments in the management of a young person's sentence. A victim may nominate a representative that will be notified on their behalf, should they so wish.

**Oberstown Children Detention Campus's Victim Liaison Service is strictly confidential.**

The following provisions of the Act permit young people to have planned absences from the campus in order to support their reintegration and to meet specific needs of young people:

### **Significant developments may include the following:**

- Discharge from Oberstown
- Permitted Absence (either supervised or not supervised directly by Oberstown staff).
- Temporary Leave (including semi and unsupervised home leave)
- Supervision in the Community
- Unconditionally Released (compassionate grounds)
- Early Discharge
- Bail
- Transfer to the Irish Prison Service
- Court appearance under garda escort
- Order for the production of a young person
- Absconcion/ Non Return / Absent Without Leave
- Death of a Young Person

Normally, information on a young person's temporary/permanent release from Oberstown is provided to victims/designate in advance. If an exception applies, every effort will be made by the Victim Liaison Service to inform the victim within the shortest practicable timeframe.

### **Who is Eligible to Receive Information?**

A victim may be eligible to receive information, if he or she is the victim of an offence for which the offender was committed on remand or detention.

He or she is not the victim but is the next of kin, is an immediate family member or has a close relationship with someone who has died or was injured as a result of the crime. It is important to note that this is voluntary

service. It is for the victim or their families to choose if they wish to receive information about a young person. Victims can change their mind and opt out of the service at any time.

## How Do I Apply?

If you wish to register with the Victim Liaison Service, you will need to complete an application form. This can be done directly on our website: [www.oberstown.com](http://www.oberstown.com), or submitting a written/telephone request for an application. Applications forms are also available in the Children's court.

You can do so by writing to the Victim Liaison Officer, details below, or by completing the application form provided in this booklet.

Victim Liaison Service  
Oberstown Children Detention Campus  
Lusk  
Co. Dublin  
K45 AY66

Email: [vl@oberstown.com](mailto:vl@oberstown.com)  
Website: [www.oberstown.com](http://www.oberstown.com)

## What we do with your information.

Oberstown Children Detention Campus is committed to protecting all personal data held on you. As such, we want you, the 'data subject' to be clear as how we collect, use, store and share your personal data.

We also want you to be clear as to what rights you can invoke to help you to protect your privacy. In this regard, it is important that you read our Privacy Notice and understand our use of your personal data.

Please note that we reserve the right to update this Privacy Notice as required. The most recent version of this document can be found on our website at <https://www.oberstown.com/privacy-policy/>

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# Application Form

I wish to apply to receive information about a detainee

My Details

Name

Address

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Contact Telephone Number

*Important Note: If your contact details change, you must provide new details to the Victim Liaison Officer in order to receive information*

## Details of Offence:

Name of Offender

Date of Offence

Nature of Offence

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You may wish to have someone else act or receive information on your behalf. If so, please provide the following details:

**Details of Representative:**

Name

Organisation (if applicable)

Address

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Contact Telephone Number

**Please peel off tape, seal form and place in the post  
(no stamp required)**