



Child Safeguarding Statement

1. Name of service being provided:

Cardiac Screening; Wellness Exams; Immunisations

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):

Advanced Medical Services (AMS) is the leading provider of onsite medical services in Ireland. We work with corporates, schools, and sports clubs to bring screening and preventive examinations to the participants. We are dedicated to providing a high-quality service that focuses on helping children be able to live healthier and safer. AMS' screening services potentially identify life threatening diseases and disorders in order to help children get the care they need before symptoms may even have presented.

3. Risk Assessment

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services including the area of online safety when accessing the internet. 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	For cardiac screening in school, children age 12 and over will be examined (while fully clothed) by a doctor without chaperone present.	Parents are welcome to attend if they wish. All AMS doctors are experienced, qualified, garda vetted, and reference checked. All actions that will be performed are explained to the child before they take place. All doctors working with AMS must read and sign detailed guidelines that outline the sensitivity needed when caring for children.
2	For cardiac screening in school, children age 12 and over will have an electrocardiogram performed with the nurse or cardiac physiologist in which the shirt	Parents are welcome to attend if they wish. All AMS nurses and cardiac physiologists are experienced, qualified, garda vetted, and reference checked where applicable. All actions that will be performed are explained

	will be opened or removed, but undergarments will be left in place.	to the child before they take place. All nurses and cardiac physiologists working with AMS must read and sign detailed guidelines that outline the sensitivity needed when caring for children.
3	For wellness exams, the child may have to undress for portions of the exam such as a skin check, abdominal, and/or hernia exam.	The parent/child may decline any of these exams if they feel uncomfortable. A parent or chaperone will always be present with the doctor if a hernia check is taking place. All AMS doctors are experienced, qualified, garda vetted, and reference checked. All actions that will be performed are explained to the child before they take place. All doctors working with AMS must read and sign detailed guidelines that outline the sensitivity needed when caring for children.
4	For immunisations, the child may experience fear and pain while receiving the injection.	All AMS nurses and doctors are experienced, qualified, garda vetted, and reference checked. All actions that will be performed are explained to the child before they take place. Any nurse or doctor

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. Our service 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 02 February 2020, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed:  _____ (Provider)
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