

# Health & Safety General Policy Statement

## Headfort Trust DAC

**Headfort Trust DAC** recognises that it has responsibilities under the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005, the Safety, Health & Welfare at Work (General Applications) Regulations 2007 to 2023 (as amended) for the health, safety and welfare of our employees, the children in our care, contractors working for us and for anyone else whose health and safety could be affected by our work activity. We will assess the hazards and risks they face and take action to minimise hazards and control risks to an acceptable, tolerable level.

Our managers and supervisors are made aware of their responsibilities and required to take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety, health and welfare of our workforce, children in our care and anyone else.

We will meet our legal obligations by providing and maintaining a safe and healthy working environment so far as is reasonably practicable. This will be achieved by:

- Providing leadership and control of identifiable health and safety risks on our premises and at every worksite.
- Consulting with our employees on matters affecting their health and safety and that of the children in our care.
- Ensuring that our premises are secure and that safeguarding checks are made for each member of our workforce.
- Providing and maintaining safe, suitable buildings and equipment.
- Ensuring the safe handling and use of substances.
- Providing information, instruction, training where necessary for our workforce, taking account of any who do not have English as a first language.
- Ensuring that all employees and contractors are competent to do their work, and where appropriate giving them suitable training.
- Preventing accidents and cases of work-related ill health.
- Actively managing and supervising health and safety at work.
- The careful organisation, assessment and mitigation of hazards and risks for any off-site activities with a separate consideration and approval process.
- Having access to competent advice.
- Aiming for continuous improvement in health and safety performance and management by regular review and revision of this policy.
- The provision of the resource, financial and other, required to make this policy and our health and safety arrangements effective.

We also recognise our duty to co-operate and work with other employers and workers, when they come onto our premises, to ensure the health and safety of everyone at work.

To help achieve our objectives and ensure our employees recognise their duties under health and safety legislation, we will also remind them of their duty to take reasonable care for themselves and for others. These duties are explained on first employment, at induction. A Safety Handbook, setting out their duties and specific health and safety rules is given to each employee.

Our policy, procedures and arrangements will be reviewed annually.

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