# CORBOY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
# CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 20014964

## Corboy Presbyterian Church mission is to worship God and proclaim the Gospel to the wider community.

It is the policy of Corboy Presbyterian Church to safeguard all children and young people interacting with its ministry in any form. This includes actively protecting children from all forms of harm or abuse.

## Principles to Safeguard Children from Harm:

- The welfare and best interests of the child are paramount
- All children have a right to be listened to, respected and protected
- Child protection is everynone's responsibility
- We treat all children equally and without prejudice
- We are committed to multi-agency corporation where necessary.

## Risk Assessment:

All Risk Assessments are available on request

| Risk Category | Potential harm identified | Controls and procedures in place |
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| Staff/Volunteer Interaction | Risk of physical, emotional or sexual abuse | Garda Vetting and reference checks; ; Code of Conduct; mandatory training; supervision and monitoring |
| Online Activities | Risk of cyberbullying, grooming, exposure to harmful content | Online safety policy; Restricted access controls; Staff supervision during online sessions |
| Physical Environment | Risk of injury or unsafe premises | Health and safety checks; Emergency procedures; First Aid training |
| Failure to Report Concerns | Risk of harm continuing due to non-reporting | Clear reporting procedures; Designated Liaison Person; Regular refresher training |
| Trips/Outings | Risk of harm during off-site activities, inadequate supervision | Parental consent forms; Adequate supervision ratios; Risk assessment for each outing |
| Visitors to Premises | Risk from unvetted individuals | Restricted access to children; Staff accompaniment at all times |

**Key Personnel:**

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**Relevant Person:** Rev. Wallace Moore,
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**Designated Liaison Person**: Jennifer Felce
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## 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, Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons at Risk-National Policy and Procedures, and PCI Child and Adult Safeguarding Policy and Requirements. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessments, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:
- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers (PCI Procedures Ch. 6 & 7)
- Procedure for responding to and Reporting of concerns or allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers (PCI Procedures Ch. 2 & 3)
- Procedure for provision of, and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm (PCI Procedures Ch. 8)
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant activity who are Mandated Persons
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person

All procedures listed are available upon request.

## Implementation:

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our church 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 activities. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed every 2 years or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

**Signed:**

Minister: _____
Wallace Moore

Relevant Person: _____
Wallace Moore

Designated Liaison Person: _____
Jennifer Felce

This statement was formally approved by the Kirk Session on _____. It will be reviewed by _____, or sooner if there's a significant change in service provision or personnel.