

Mandated Persons

Who are Mandated Persons?



Mandated persons are people who have contact with children and/or families who, by virtue of their qualifications, training and experience, are in a key position to help protect children from harm.

Within the sport sector Under Schedule 2 of the Children First Act 2015 (ROI), the following roles are listed as mandated persons:

- Safeguarding officer, child protection officer or other person (howsoever described) who is employed for the purpose of performing the child welfare and protection function of religious, sporting, recreational, cultural, educational and other bodies and organisations offering services to children.
- Professionals such as Physiotherapists, Counsellors, Doctors, and Nurses who are employed within organisations providing services to children.

Legal Obligations of a Mandated Person



To report the harm of children at or above a defined threshold to Tusla

To assist Tusla, if requested, in assessing a concern which has been the subject of a mandated report.

Notes:

1. Not all reports are mandated reports. Tusla Social Work Department can advise here.
2. Anyone, including mandated persons, should always inform Tusla when they have reasonable grounds for concern that a child may have been, is being, or is at risk of being abused or neglected.
3. The majority of volunteers in sports clubs are not mandated persons.



Mandated Reporting

- If your organisation/club has mandated persons, your reporting procedure should state clearly that mandated persons must report concerns of harm above a particular threshold under the Children First Act 2015.
- Best practice would be to make a report jointly with the Designated Liaison Person (DLP). Reports should be made on Tusla's secure web portal. If you believe a child is in immediate danger, contact An Garda Síochána on 999 or 112.
- A Mandated Person has a statutory obligation to report mandated concerns to Tusla, they cannot discharge this duty to the DLP.

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Organisational Responsibilities

- Your organisation or club needs to establish whether you have any Mandated persons as listed under the Children First Act 2015 (ROI) schedule 2.
- These Mandated persons should be made aware of their responsibilities to report child protection and welfare concerns that reach or exceed the threshold for 'harm' as defined in the Act.



Tusla Resources

- [Contact a Social Worker Tusla - Child and Family Agency](#)
- [Mandated Persons](#)
- [Parents and Guardians](#)
- [Resources, Publications and Forms](#)
- [Children First Mandated Persons Leaflet - English Version](#)
- [Children First Mandated Persons Leaflet - Irish Version](#)
- [How do I report a concern about a child? Tusla - Child and Family Agency](#)
- [Retrospective Abuse Reporting Pg. 9](#)

