



## ***Child Safeguarding Statement***

***The Football Association of Ireland provides various sporting activities and opportunities for young people through participation in clubs, regional/provincial events and through our national teams.***

***Bunratty United is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of the FAI Safeguarding Policies our volunteers, working with our young people, throughout the organisation, seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop.***

***Bunratty United, in accordance with the FAI Handbook, FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy, other FAI policies, procedures and our legislative requirements have agreed this Child Safeguarding Statement which is binding on all members. Bunratty United is an Association Football club operating on a local scale providing sporting activities and opportunities for children and young people through participation in clubs. The Club offers sporting activities to children and young people from the age of six. Bunratty United recruits over 10 volunteers with over 100 participants. Bunratty United is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of our Safeguarding Policies and procedures, our staff, both volunteers and employed working with our children and young people, throughout the Association, seek to create a safe and fun environment for children and young people to participate in their sport.***

***The Risk Assessment was undertaken on February 13 2026.***

***Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, (the Children First: National Guidance, and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice). In addition to our Risk Assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.***

***Bunratty United has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:***

- ***Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteers against a child availing of our activities***
- ***Procedures for the safe recruitment of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities***

- *Procedures for access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm*
- *Procedure for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities*
- *Procedures for maintaining a list of the persons in the relevant service who are mandated;*
- *Procedure for appointing a relevant person.*

*The Relevant Person for the Bunratty United is Desmond O'Brien. "Relevant Person" means the person who is appointed by Bunratty United to be the first point of contact in respect of the provider's child safeguarding statement.*

*The Mandated person for the Club is Kirsten Pakes of the FAI of the FAI and the Designated Liaison person is Brendan Drinan.*

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*Brendan Drinan 087 2707259*

*We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our Club 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 on 28/03/2026 or as soon as practicable after there has been material change in any matter to which the statement refers. This statement is readily accessible to parents and guardians on request.*

*Signed: *

*Date: 13/02/2026*

*On behalf of Bunratty Utd)*

*Name: Desmond O'Brien*

*For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact Desmond O'Brien (086 8071900).*