



Annex A — Child Safeguarding Statement – V2.2 – 28/08/2026

Name of service

Hitchmough Riding School Ltd., Highland Lodge, Monkstown, Co. Cork, T12 PN52

Nature of the service and principles to safeguard children

Hitchmough Riding School Ltd. provides riding lessons, coaching, instruction, day camps and on-site shows and events to children and young people under 18. We are committed to safeguarding children by:

- recognising that the welfare of the child is paramount;
- ensuring all staff, contractors and volunteers are recruited safely, Garda vetted and trained;
- adopting and implementing the Hitchmough Riding School Ltd. Safeguarding Policy and the Horse Sport Ireland codes of conduct;
- appointing a Designated Liaison Person and Deputy, and reporting concerns to Tusla and An Garda Síochána as required by law; and
- keeping this statement and the underlying risk assessment under review.

Risk assessment

In accordance with section 11 of the Children First Act 2015, we have carried out a written assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our service. That assessment is held as a separate document and is available on request. The risks identified, and the procedures in place to manage them, are summarised at Annex B or the Safeguarding Policy (available on request)

Procedures

The following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service. All are set out in the Hitchmough Riding School Ltd. Safeguarding Policy and are available on request:

- Procedure for the mgmt. of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers or volunteers (s 7).
- Complaints and disciplinary procedure (section 8).
- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers (section 9).
- Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information (section 10).
- Codes of conduct and good practice (section 11), supervision procedure (section 12).
- Procedures for camps, shows, events and transport (section 13).
- Missing or uncollected child procedure (section 14).
- Photography, use of images and online safety procedure (section 15).
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection and welfare concerns to Tusla (section 6).
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons in the service who are mandated persons (section 5.4).
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person (section 5.2).

Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. We are committed to implementing this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support it.

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Designated Liaison Person: **Kenneth Twomey – 0858010394 – ken.twomey@hitchmoughs.ie**

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

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