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NOTICE – February 2022

HSE Children First National Office - Updates to Policies listed in the Guidance for HSE Child Safeguarding Statements and Risk Assessment Workbook

The Guidance for HSE Child Safeguarding Statements and Risk Assessment Workbook document was circulated in early 2020. The HSE Children First National Office is planning to complete a full review of the document over the coming months. This will include seeking feedback from those who have used it to undertake child safeguarding risk assessments and develop child safeguarding statements and liaison with the Tusla Child Safeguarding Statement Compliance Unit (CSSCU). We will be updating the guidance and workbook following this review.

In the interim, based on some initial feedback from the Tusla CSSCU there have been some modifications made to the Child Safeguarding Statement template, for use by services due to update same in the coming months, and, we are advising of some policy updates to those listed in the current document. These are detailed in the table below.

Updates to Guidance for HSE Child Safeguarding Statements and Risk Assessment Workbook The document can be accessed at: https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/2/primarycare/childrenfirst/child-safeguarding-statement/	
p24	The HSE National Healthcare Charter Paediatric Services has been updated. The current version is called the HSE National Healthcare Charter for Children and can be accessed at https://www.cuh.ie/who-we-are/hse-national-healthcare-charter-for-children/
p25 & p42	The HSE Incident Management Framework has been updated. The current version, dated 2020, and additional related resources, can be accessed at https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/nqpsd/qps-incident-management/incident-management/incident-management.html
p46	HSE Employee Resource Pack – which includes induction guidelines and checklists, and the employee handbook can be accessed at https://healthservice.hse.ie/documents/1039/Employee_Handbook_-_2023_V2.pdf
p47	There is an additional Open Disclosures guidance - Maintaining the Principles of Open Disclosure during the Coronavirus Pandemic and Covid19 Restrictions, May 2020 – which can be accessed at https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/nqpsd/qps-incident-management/open-disclosure/
p47	HSE Tusla Joint Protocol for Interagency Collaboration Between the Health Service Executive and Tusla-Child and Family Agency to Promote the Best Interests of Children and Families has been updated. The current version, dated December 2020, can be accessed at https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/disability/progressing-disability/pds-programme/documents/hse-tusla-2020-joint-protocol-for-interagency-collaboration-between-the-hse-and-tusla.pdf

