

ADULT SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

1. Our Commitment to Safeguarding

Luail is committed to promoting and protecting the safety, health, wellbeing, dignity, and human rights of all adults who we work with. We believe that everyone has the right to live free from abuse, harm, exploitation, and neglect. We have a Zero-tolerance policy toward any form of abuse or poor practice.

In line with the Department of Health's National Policy Framework for Adult Safeguarding in the Health and Social Care Sector, our approach is rights-based, person-centred, and proportionate. We are dedicated to empowering adults to protect themselves, respecting their will and preference, and ensuring that any interventions are the least restrictive possible.

2. Nature of Our Service

Luail is Ireland's national all-island dance company, established in 2024 with funding from the Arts Council / An Chomhairle Ealaíon. We commission, revive, and produce dance works that are presented across the island of Ireland and internationally, both on stage and in site-specific locations, for audiences of all sizes.

Through a dynamic programme of new creations, revivals, touring, and long-term artist development, Luail aims to expand the visibility, accessibility, and impact of dance across Ireland and beyond. Our team includes a full-time ensemble of eight dancers, a collective of three resident creative artists, and a managerial and administrative team of nine. We also collaborate with freelance designers, production crews, and technical specialists across all our productions.

3. Risk Assessment

We have carried out a comprehensive safeguarding risk assessment of our services to identify potential areas where adults may be at risk of harm, abuse, or neglect while engaging with our organisation. Our risk assessment covers:

- Physical, psychological, emotional, financial, and sexual abuse.
- Neglect and acts of omission.
- Institutional abuse and discriminatory practices.

We continually review our risk registers to ensure that robust controls are in place to mitigate these risks.

4. Our Safeguarding Procedures

To actively manage and reduce the risks identified, Luail has implemented the following procedures, which are mandatory for all staff, management, and volunteers:

- **Prevention and Empowerment:** Fostering an open, transparent culture where service users are listened to, their autonomy is respected, and they are supported in making informed decisions.
- **Mandatory Training:** All relevant staff and volunteers will receive comprehensive, HSE-accredited Adult Safeguarding Training, including Trauma-Informed Practice (TIP), relevant to their roles.
- **Clear Reporting Protocols:** Step-by-step procedures to follow when abuse is suspected, observed, alleged, or disclosed.
- **Immediate Action and Escalation:** Protocols for taking immediate action to ensure safety, including the completion of an Adult Safeguarding Referral Form (ASRF) and collaboration with statutory authorities (such as the HSE Safeguarding and Protection Teams, HIQA, or An Garda Síochána) where necessary and legally required.
- **Designated Officers:** We have appointed a specific Designated Adult Safeguarding Officer (DASO) who is responsible for receiving concerns, assessing risk, and coordinating safeguarding plans.

5. Implementation and Review

We recognise that safeguarding is a continuous, evolving process. We are committed to the implementation of this Adult Safeguarding Statement and the practices it outlines.

This statement will be reviewed annually, or immediately following any material changes to our services or updates to national legislation and DOH/HSE guidelines.

5. Contact Information

If you have a concern about the welfare of an adult in our service, or if you would like to view our full Adult Safeguarding Policy, please contact our Designated Adult Safeguarding Officer:

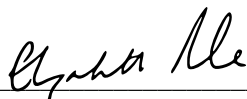
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