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## New Horizon – Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment - September 2018

New Horizon is a provider of services to Asylum Seekers and Refugees in the Co. Westmeath, some of whom are under the age of 18. Therefore, New Horizon falls within the definition of an organisation that provides relevant services to children as outlined in Schedule 1 of the Children Act 2015.

In accordance with section 11 of the Children First Act 2015, New Horizon has conducted this Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment in order to identify any risks that may exist to children by virtue of activities carried out by the New Horizon volunteers.

For the purposes of this Risk Assessment, the following definitions shall apply. The definition of “harm” means in relation to a child-

- assault, ill-treatment or neglect of the child, in a manner that seriously affects or is likely to seriously affect the child’s health, development or welfare, or
- sexual abuse of the child, whether caused by a single act, omission or circumstance or a series or combination of acts, omissions or circumstances, or otherwise.

“Ill-treatment” means in relation to a child, to abandon or cruelly treat the child, or causing or procuring or allowing the child to be abandoned or cruelly treated. A “Child” means a person under the age of 18 years of age other than a person who is or has been married.

**1. List of New Horizon Activities**

- I. Appointment of Volunteers*
- II. Running child care services*

**2. The Institute has identified the following potential risks of harm in respect of its activities**

- I. Appointment of Volunteers*
  - *A volunteer harms a child in their care*
- II. Running child care and after school programmes*
  - *A volunteer harms a child in their care*

**3. The Institute has the following procedures in place to mitigate the risks of harm identified in this assessment**

- I. Appointment of Volunteers*

*All volunteers must have completed appropriate Garda Vetting and be aware of New Horizon's Child Safeguarding Statement and their obligations under same.*
- II. Running child care and after school programmes*

*All volunteers must have completed appropriate Garda Vetting and be aware of New Horizon's Child Safeguarding Statement and their obligations under same.*

In undertaking this risk assessment, New Horizon has endeavoured to identify, as far as reasonably practicable, the risks of harm that are relevant to New Horizon and to ensure that

adequate procedures are in place to manage all risks identified. While it is not possible to foresee and remove all risk of harm, New Horizon has in place the procedures listed in this risk assessment to manage and mitigate risk to the greatest possible extent.

This risk assessment was completed in August, 2018 and shall be reviewed on an annual basis as part of New Horizon's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

This risk assessment has been completed by Chris McDermott on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, 2018

Signed \_Chris McDermott\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_1-6-18\_\_\_\_\_

Relevant Person