Child Protection Agreement

All organisations working with children and families have a duty of care under the Children First Act 2015, to ensure that all children are kept safe from harm.

We believe in helping and supporting parents through the journey of raising children. Each child has the right to be safe and each family has the right to be respected and listened to. Therefore, we will always try to speak to you first if we have concerns about your child.

Examples of these concerns may fall under one or more of the following areas:

- **Physical harm:** such as hitting, pinching, slapping or otherwise intentionally hurting a child
- **Emotional harm:** such as bullying, shaming or persistently ignoring a child
- **Neglect:** where a child may regularly, over time not have enough warmth, food, proper clothing or are being left alone
- **Sexual abuse:** where a child may be exposed to sexual content or experience inappropriate touch

Under the Children First Act, we are legally required to report concerns to Tusla (the national Child and Family Agency). The role of Tusla is to work in partnership with families and other services to ensure that children have all the necessary support and resources needed to ensure their physical, emotional, educational and social wellbeing.

At Northside Partnership, we will always do our best to listen to you and be fully upfront in our actions. If you wish to view our full child protection policy, this can be made available to you upon request. If you voice a child protection concern about another child, this information will also be passed on to Tusla.

I understand that Northside Partnership may share information with Tusla if there are concerns about a child's safety or welfare, in line with Children First and Northside Partnership's Child Protection Policy.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness / NSP Staff_____ Date: _____

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Northside Partnership Designated Liaison Person

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