

Horse Sport Ireland
Safeguarding Department
Briefing Note – Mandated Person
12th March 2018

The Children First Act 2015 introduces a new role '**Mandated Person**'. Section 14 (1-12) of the Act defines the responsibilities of the Mandated Person. This was listed as an item on the Risk Assessment document recently completed by the Affiliates of Horse Sport Ireland.

Who are Mandated Persons?

In the Children First Act 2015, **Schedule 2** there is a list of people who are classified as mandated persons including;

15 (i) Person employed in any of the following capacities: **safeguarding officer**, child protection officer or other person (howsoever described) who is employed for **the purpose of performing the child welfare and protection function** of religious, **sporting**, recreational, cultural, and educational and other **bodies and organisations** offering services to children.

Horse Sport Ireland Mandated Person

Based on the above definition from the Children First Act 2015, Horse Sport Ireland has appointed the National Safeguarding Officer as its Mandated Person, who is in an employed position as a safeguarding officer, employed for the purpose of child welfare and protection for the equestrian sporting body.

The Horse Sport Ireland Mandated Person will be the Mandated Person for all Affiliates adopting our Safeguarding Policies and Procedures.

Horse Sport Ireland Mandated Person details:

Name: Ciara Gorman

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Note: *Individuals should always inform Tusla if they have reasonable grounds for concern that a child may have been, is being, or is at risk of being abused or neglect. The National Children's Officer at Affiliate level and the Children's Officer at Club/Branch/Regional at local level is responsible for ensuring that reporting procedures are followed.*

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