

# AutismCare - Child Safeguarding Statement

**Name of Service Provider:**

DYG Caspian Ventures LTD T/A AutismCare

**Address:**

Unit D7 Nutgrove Office Park, Rathfarnham, Dublin, Ireland. D14 AN81

**Nature of Service:**

AutismCare provides autism assessment, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and related clinical services to children and their families in both online and in-clinic settings.

**Principles to Safeguard Children from Harm:**

AutismCare is committed to protecting the welfare of every child engaging with our service. We will:

- Place the child's safety and wellbeing at the centre of all decisions
- Provide a safe, respectful, and supportive environment
- Listen to and take children's views seriously
- Work in partnership with parents and guardians
- Ensure all staff understand and follow safeguarding responsibilities
- Act promptly on any concern relating to a child's welfare

## **Risk Assessment of Potential Harm to Children:**

We have assessed potential risks to children across all service areas, including in-person and online delivery.

<b>Risk Identified</b>	<b>Procedure in Place to Manage Risk</b>
Risk of harm through neglect, emotional or physical abuse by staff	Garda vetting, safeguarding training, supervision, and clear code of conduct for all staff
Risk of harm through inappropriate communication or online engagement	Staff code of conduct, monitored communication channels, parent/guardian present in sessions where appropriate
Risk of harm through failure to report disclosures or concerns	Mandatory Children First training, clear reporting pathways, supervision and oversight
Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision	Supervision policies for all in-person sessions, safeguarding considerations in remote/online sessions
Risk of harm from inappropriate data sharing	GDPR-compliant systems, restricted access, secure storage, confidentiality agreements

AutismCare has implemented the following safeguarding procedures in line with the Children First Act 2015 and national guidance:

- Clear process for managing allegations against staff or contractors
- Safe recruitment procedures, including Garda vetting and reference checks
- Ongoing safeguarding training for all staff
- Defined process for identifying and reporting concerns to Tusla
- Maintenance of a list of mandated persons within the service
- Appointment of a Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- Clear internal escalation pathways for safeguarding concerns
- Documentation and secure record keeping of all safeguarding matters

### **Designated Liaison Person (DLP):**

Name: Dr Sam Gower

Email: [clinic@autismcare.ie](mailto:clinic@autismcare.ie)

The DLP is responsible for receiving concerns and ensuring appropriate reporting to Tusla where required.

### **Implementation & Review:**

AutismCare recognises that safeguarding is an ongoing responsibility. We will:

- Display this statement in our clinics and on our website
- Review this statement at least every 24 months
- Review immediately following any incident or material change

- Ensure all staff remain informed and trained in safeguarding practices

This statement will be reviewed no later than: **January 31st, 2027**

Signed

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**John Smyth**

**Managing Director**

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