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Child Safeguarding Statement for ESRI

This child safeguarding statement relates specifically to the attendance of children under the age of 18 years at the ESRI's offices in Whitaker Square, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2. Separate child safeguarding statements have been compiled for research work involving children which is carried out by the ESRI. A dedicated Safeguarding Statement has been developed for the largest such project being undertaken by the Institute, viz. the **Growing Up in Ireland** study.

Although Staff interaction with children at the ESRI's offices is limited, **the health, safety and protection of all children attending the ESRI (for whatever reason) is paramount.**

The ESRI is committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children encountered in the course of its activities, be that in that in a research or other context. To this end, the ESRI has developed a comprehensive range of policies and procedures which are detailed in the relevant child safeguarding statements (research and otherwise).

In respect of attendance by children at ESRI events, the following additional procedures apply:

- For each event, a risk assessment is conducted to identify potential risks of harm to a child arising from attendance and procedures are put in place to manage such risks as may be identified.
- All children attending the ESRI's offices must do so with the consent of a parent or guardian and must be appropriately accompanied, as agreed in advance with their parent/guardian.
- Secondary school children who attend the ESRI offices as part of a school visit or for work experience must have the prior written consent of their parents/guardians. The ESRI HR department will liaise with the relevant school in this regard.

This safeguarding statement has been developed in line with the requirements under the *Children First Act 2015* and *Children First: National Guidance 2017*. Implementation is an ongoing process and all policies and procedures are regularly reviewed and updated.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Barrett', is written over a horizontal line.

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