

Bulletin on the Board of Management Meeting held on 17th October 2019

The following is a summary of the Board of Management of Oberstown Children Detention Campus meeting which took place on Thursday, 17th October 2019.

Ref	Subject	Summary
1.	Children's Rights Policy Framework	The policy framework is with the Department of Children and Youth Affairs whose feedback is awaited. In the interim, work will begin to ensure that Campus Procedures align to the policy framework.
2.	Board Committees	The Board approved membership to the following Board committees: 1. Governance Committee – to be chaired by Professor Kilkelly 2. Audit & Risk Committee - to be chaired by Bernadette Costello Committees will now revise their terms of reference and develop a workplan for Board approval.
3.	Restrictive Practices	The Board reviewed data on the use of Single Separation and welcomed the reduction in the length of single separations, achieved through enhanced monitoring and approval processes as well as improved practice. The Board has sought data disaggregated according to the nature of the young person's order (i.e. remand or detention) for consideration at the next meeting. The low numbers of physical interventions for the period were noted and the handcuff data were also given consideration.
4.	DCU LEAD (Leadership) Programme	The Board extended congratulations to Campus managers who successfully completed the LEAD programme with DCU. This significant investment in Campus management was welcomed as an extremely important and positive development for the Campus.
5.	Facilities	The Board noted that work is ongoing to plan and cost refurbishment and remedial works in some residential units. Interim measures are in place to ensure safe management of relevant risks. Neighbour concerns about the continuing odour emanating from the Integrated Constructed Wetlands (ICW) were noted. The Board asked that the expert report commissioned be expedited so that a final solution to the issue can be identified, costed and approved by DCYA.
6.	HIQA	An update was provided on the finalisation of the HIQA inspection report.
7.	Strategic Plan	The Chairperson advised that the next stage of Oberstown's strategic planning process will get underway early in 2020. A proposal for the development of and consultation on the plan will be presented to the Board in December 2019.
8.	HR Policies	A new suite of HR policies was presented to the Board by the Oberstown HR Manager. It was agreed that a sub-committee of the Board, with external expertise, will review the policies and present them for Board approval.

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