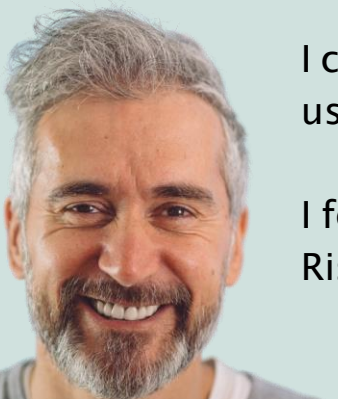


## DO YOU WORK WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES?

"I am a line manager in a mental health service, working primarily with adults. We recently underwent some changes and young people can now avail of some supports from our service. I knew from the HSE Child Protection and Welfare Policy that this means that under Schedule 1 of the Children First Act 2015, our service is now considered a 'Relevant Service' and so must develop a Child Safeguarding Statement and undertake a child safeguarding risk assessment. The purpose of this is to safeguard children and young people from harm.



I coordinated the risk assessment process. This involved speaking to staff members and service users to assess the potential for harm to the young people availing of our service.

I found everything that I needed to know about developing a Child Safeguarding Statement and a Risk Assessment on the [HSE Children First Website](https://www.hse.ie/childrenfirst)."

**Relevant Services have legal responsibilities.**

**Check Schedule 1 of the [Children First Act 2015](#) to see if your service is a Relevant Service.**

**Child Safeguarding Statements must be displayed prominently and they must be reviewed within 24 months or following any material change to which the Statement refers.**

Helpful templates are available to download at [www.hse.ie/childrenfirst](https://www.hse.ie/childrenfirst)

