

SAFEGUARDING THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN AND

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For the purposes of safeguarding no one, no matter how valuable, long-serving or favoured, should be above due process. New to the site? Safeguarding policy " children and vulnerable adults 1. Children should be protected from maltreatment and any impairment that may affect their health and development. Non-Recent Historic Abuse Non-recent historic abuse refers to one of 3 situations: An adult making an allegation of abuse when they were under 18 years of age, that occurred at least 1 year before it was reported A child making an allegation of abuse that occurred at least 1 year before it was reported Someone reports an allegation, on behalf of someone else, relating to an offence committed over a year ago. There is also a need to be aware of female genital mutilation FGM , where a young girl has partial or total removal of genitalia for non-medical reasons. Everyone working in swimming either in a paid or voluntary capacity, together with those working in affiliated organisations has a role to play in safeguarding the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and promoting good practice. Consideration should be given to what support may be appropriate to children, parents and members of staff. The LCPO can then liaise directly with statutory agencies and assist the organisation that made the report. If a person in charge is not available, the person discovering or being informed of the abuse should immediately contact the social services department or the police. Whether that means including it in the organisation's values and mission statement, making it a standing item on the agenda of board or management committee meetings or making specific provision for it in budgets and strategic plans, it should be evident that safeguarding is crucial to how the organisation operates. Children from ethnic minorities, who may also be experiencing racial discrimination, may be doubly powerless. Thank you for your interest and support. Sexual Abuse Girls and boys are abused by adults, both male and female, and by other young people who use children to meet their own sexual needs. They are based on four overarching principles, including: Children learn and develop best in an enabling environment Children are unique, learn constantly and can become resilient, capable, confident and self-assured Children learn and develop best in different ways and at different rates Children learn strength and independence from positive relationships. Regrettably, the recent disclosures demonstrate that, for some sports organisations, safeguarding simply has not been as important as it should have been. Everyone who works with children, including teachers, GPs, other medical professionals and the police, has a responsibility to keep children safe and protect them from harm. Sports organisations can apply this in many ways, such as referring to Department for Education guidance including " Keeping Children Safe in Education "5 when developing policies and procedures. In these situations, or where concerns still exist, any suspicion, allegation, or incident of abuse must be reported to the person in charge as soon as possible, and recorded. A record should also be made of the name and designation of the social services member of staff or police officer to whom the concerns were passed, together with the time and date of the call, in case any follow-up is needed. In addition, however, sports organisations should be aware that if they fail properly to protect the young and vulnerable, they can be legally liable for this and the reputational damage they can suffer as a result could be catastrophic. Wherever possible, referrals telephoned to the social services department should be confirmed in writing within 24 hours. How do I promote health and well being? Already a member? An important component of safeguarding children is promoting good health and wellbeing. In such cases, the STA will reach a decision based upon the information that is available which could suggest that on a balance of probability it is more likely than not that the allegation is true. Having an appropriate staff and volunteer recruitment policy and procedure " ensuring that all staff and volunteers have been Criminal Records Bureau CRB checked and that no-one has contact with our clients or their families before a satisfactory CRB report has been received. If not adapted for specific use in a safeguarding context, such a procedure can be actively unhelpful by, for example, not setting out an appropriate menu of sanctions or becoming procedurally unworkable. Other important factors include hygiene and healthy eating, ensuring fresh drinking water is accessible at all times and meeting first aid requirements. Some individuals will actively seek employment or voluntary work with children or vulnerable adults in order to harm them. STA acknowledges that their staff, whether in a paid or voluntary capacity, are not experts at such recognition. El-Radhi AS 1. Bullying and Cyberbullying Although not a specific form of abuse, this can take the form of

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any of the acknowledged abuse forms. Inquiries may be carried out jointly with the police. STA recognises that they have a responsibility to: Safeguard and promote the interests and well-being of children and vulnerable adults with whom it is working Take all reasonable practical steps to protect them from harm, discrimination, or degrading treatment Respect their rights, wishes and feelings. Safeguarding the welfare of children: what is the nurse's role? Making responsibilities regarding these issues clear to staff and volunteers delivering services where there may be issues affecting these groups Ensuring that all groups irrespective of age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, nationality or economic status have the right to be protected from abuse Responding quickly and effectively to issues when they arise Sharing information appropriately and on a need to know basis. There is however, a responsibility to report concerns so that appropriate agencies can then make inquiries and take any necessary action to protect the child. Childcare providers must also have procedures for administering medication and supporting children with medical needs or who appear unwell during the day.