

Lancashire Safeguarding Children in Sport Policy



Foreword

Lancashire Sport Partnership promotes the safety and welfare of children and young people engaged in sporting activities locally. We aim to contribute to safeguarding children and young people by:

- Meeting the requirements of the Standards for Safeguarding and Protecting Children in Sport
- Implementing and demonstrating best safeguarding practice when staff, volunteers or others are providing services, activities and programmes for children and young people
- Requiring those individuals or organisations that are funded or commissioned to provide any services for children and young people to effectively address safeguarding requirements
- Building the awareness that everyone is responsible for keeping children and young people safe

These aims have been endorsed by the Lancashire Sport Partnership Board and support Lancashire Sport Partnership in their work. Policies and procedures are only effective if people know about them, understand and follow them and know that they can express their views on how they are working.

Contained in this document:

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Introduction

The Lancashire Safeguarding Children in Sport Policy has been developed to help and guide safeguarding policy, procedure and implementation for our partners and for sport locally. Lancashire Sport Partnership is committed to promoting the safety and welfare of children and young people engaged in sport and physical activity. The purpose of this Policy is to:

- Introduce the core principles on which this safeguarding work should be based
- Define the Lancashire Sport safeguarding reporting systems
- Provide individuals, partners and organisations with local safeguarding contacts

Principles of Safeguarding Children & Young People in Sport

All children and young people have the right to be safe and protected from harm. It is every organisation's responsibility to ensure that all children and young people are protected from abuse. Some children or young people, such as disabled children, are particularly vulnerable. Organisations should take steps to combat discrimination and actively include all children and young people in their safeguarding measures.

Everyone has a duty to:

- Safeguard the welfare of children and young people
- Protect children and young people
- Do something when anyone becomes aware that a child or young person might be at risk or suffering from abuse or neglect.

Unfortunately despite these aspirations we recognize there are people who seek to harm them. There are many forms of abuse such as:

- Physical Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual Abuse
- Bullying

Lancashire Safeguarding Children in Sport Group

The Lancashire Safeguarding Children in Sport Group has been established as the key mechanism to steer the safeguarding work of Lancashire Sport Partnership. Its aims are to ensure that Lancashire Sport Partnership can achieve the outcomes as outlined in the introduction to this document. The terms of reference of this group can be found at www.lancashiresport.org.uk/safe-in-sport. The group will manage the review of this policy.

Lancashire Sport Partnership Roles and Responsibilities

If this policy is to work effectively there must be a full understanding of the roles and responsibilities of Lancashire Sport Partnership.

Lancashire Sport Partnership consists of key agencies for sport and active recreation in the following local authority areas:

- Blackburn with Darwen
- Blackpool
- Burnley
- Chorley
- Fylde
- Hyndburn
- Lancaster
- Pendle
- Preston
- Ribble Valley
- Rossendale
- South Ribble
- West Lancashire
- Wyre

The aim of Lancashire Sport Partnership is to 'Increase and sustain participation in, and widen access to, Sport and Physical Activity through quality pathways and a world class infrastructure.'

The guidance within Working Together to Safeguard Children 2010 states that all organisations that work with children and young people share a commitment to safeguarding and promoting their welfare. Therefore every organisation and individual working with Lancashire Sport Partnership has a responsibility to ensure that the guidelines and minimum operating standards within this policy are met.

Every organisation linked to Lancashire Sport Partnership should have a lead person and deputy for safeguarding and protecting children and young people.

Safer Working Practices

The Safer Working Practices for Adults who Work with Children and Young People is guidance that has been produced to help adults working in all settings to establish safe and responsive environments which safeguard young people and reduce the risk of adults being unjustly accused of improper or unprofessional conduct. It can be used to support safer recruitment and selection practices, induction and on-going training programmes and where necessary, disciplinary and child protection procedures.

A safe workforce means safe recruitment policies and procedures. This includes:

- Advertising
- Pre-application information
- Applications
- Interview and selection
- Employment
- CRB checks
- Training
- Codes of conduct
- Supervision, appraisal, feedback



The safer working practices guidance provides more information about the following:

- Unsuitability
- Duty of Care
- Confidentiality
- Power and Positions of Trust
- Gifts, Rewards and Favouritism
- Communications and use of Technology
- Social Contact
- Sexual Contact
- Physical Contact
- Behaviour Management
- Use of Control and Physical Intervention
- Children and Young People in Distress
- First Aid and Administration of Medication
- One to One Situations
- Transporting Children and Young People
- Photography and Videos
- Whistle Blowing
- Sharing Concerns and Recording Incidents

For more details on the above visit www.lancashiresport.org.uk/safe-in-sport for a Safer Working Practices Guide

A Call to Action

A Call to Action articulates an updated and revitalised vision for all those concerned with the safety and welfare of children and young people taking part in sport. It builds on the significant progress made by sports organisations since the creation of the Child Protection in Sport Unit in England in 2001.

A Call to Action updates the vision presented in the 'Strategy for Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport' 2006 in line with current sport and safeguarding statutory requirements, policy, strategy and practice. It outlines the principles which guide work to safeguard children and young people in and through sport.

For more details please visit www.lancashiresport.org.uk/safe-in-sport

Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB)

LSCBs bring together all relevant partners to work together to safeguard children and young people. It is important that sport receives the expertise from LSCBs so that professional and voluntary organisations receive the appropriate guidance.

There are three Local Safeguarding Children Boards across Lancashire, these are:

- Blackburn with Darwen Safeguarding Children Board
- Blackpool Safeguarding Children Board
- Lancashire Safeguarding Children Board

Local Authority Designated Officers (LADO)

The LADO for each LSCB area has the responsibility for co-ordinating the response to allegations against staff and volunteers, with respect to safeguarding concerns. The LADO is responsible for:

- Ensuring effective inter-agency procedures are in place
- Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of those procedures through Designated Officer Network
- Liaising with Police and other agencies
- Providing advice and guidance to employers and voluntary organisations
- Monitoring the progress of cases ensuring they are dealt with as quickly as possible and with a thorough and fair process

Information Sharing

Lancashire Sport Partnership is committed to the principles set out in the 'Protocol for Information Sharing' (Child Protection in Sport Unit Task Group, 2007) refer to www.lancashiresport.org.uk/safe-in-sport for this and additional information. This provides a framework whereby sport organisations, statutory bodies and relevant others share information appropriately in the interests of children and young people.

Safeguarding Toolkit Resources

There are two online Safeguarding Toolkit Resources that will help your organisation safeguard and protect children and young people in sport.

The purpose of these online toolkits is to:

- Help create a safe sporting environment for children and young people
- Promote good practice and share resources and practices
- Influence and aide you to implement safeguarding procedures within your club

To access these Online Safeguarding Toolkit please visit:

www.lancashiresport.org.uk/safe-in-sport
www.lancashiresport.org.uk/sport-unlimited



Safeguarding Children in Sport

Concern about a child or young person's safety and welfare



Local Contacts

Blackburn with Darwen Children Services
Tel: 01254 587547

Blackpool Childrens Services
Tel: 01253 477668 or 01253 477600

Burnley Childrens Services
Tel: 01282 425961

Chorley Childrens Services
Tel: 01257 231585

Fylde Childrens Services
Tel: 01772 685318

Hyndburn Childrens Services
Tel: 01254 398731

Lancaster Childrens Services
Tel: 01524 66246

Pendle Childrens Services
Tel: 01282 866706

Preston Childrens Services
Tel: 01772 538700

Ribble Valley Childrens Services
Tel: 01200 425146

Rossendale Childrens Services
Tel: 01706 211221

South Ribble Childrens Services
Tel: 01772 904650

West Lancashire Childrens Services
Tel: 01695 651200 (Skelmersdale)
Tel: 01695 585800 (Ormskirk)

Wyre Childrens Services
Tel: 01772 685318



Process for Reporting Safeguarding Concerns in Lancashire

When anyone becomes aware that a child or young person might be at risk or suffering from abuse or neglect, they have a duty to do something about it. Below diagram demonstrates the process for reporting concerns.

Concern/allegation concerning a person working with children and young people



Refer to:

Club/Organisation Welfare Officer

and/or

Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)

Blackpool LADO
Tel: 01253 477567

Blackburn with Darwen LADO
Tel: 01254 585194

Lancashire LADO
Tel: 01772 532276

and the

NGB Welfare Officer

List of NGB Welfare Officers available at:
www.lancashiresport.org.uk/safe-in-sport/what-to-do-if-you-need-help

Police Public Protection Referral Unit (PPU):

Northern Police Division:

Tel: 01524 496758 or 0845 1253545 (out of office hours)

Western Police Division:

Tel: 01253 404080 or 0845 1253545 (out of office hours)

Southern Police Division:

Tel: 01695 466335 or 0845 1253545 (out of office hours)

Central Police Division:

Tel: 01772 209688 or 0845 1253545 (out of office hours)

Eastern & Pennine Police Division:

Tel: 01254 353082 or 0845 1253545 (out of office hours)

NB: Always record the actions that you take and keep a safe copy.

Useful Websites

www.lancashiresport.org.uk

www.everychildmatters.org

www.nspcc.org.uk

www.thecpsu.org.uk

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