LDL

Limerick District League

CHILD SAFEGUARDING RISK ASSESSMENT

Policies, responsibilities and further actions

Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

This risk assessment considers the potential for harm to come to children whilst they are in LDL's care. This risk assessment precedes the Child Safeguarding Statement (Section 11 (1b) Children First Act 2015) which is developed following this risk assessment process. In accordance with the requirements of Section 11 (1) of the Children First Act 2015 the risk is of abuse and not general health and safety risk (covered under a separate H&S policy and risk assessment).

Section 11 (1) of the Children First Act 2015 states that where a person proposes to operate as a provider of a relevant service, he or she shall, within 3 months from the date on which he or she commences as such a provider -

(a) Undertake an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of the service (in this section referred to as a "risk").

CLUB & COACHING PRACTICES

Potential risk of harm	Likelihood L / M / H	Required policy or procedure	Responsibility	Further action required
Lack of coaching qualification	M	Coach education policy Recruitment policy	LDL	Proof of qualification to be confirmed
Supervision issues	L	Supervision policy Coach education policy	LDL	Ongoing review
Unauthorised photography & recording activities	L	Photography and Use of Images policy	LDL	Ongoing review
Behavioral Issues	M	Code of Conduct Safeguarding Level 1 (min) Complaints & Disciplinary policy	LDL	Ongoing review

CLUB & COACHING PRACTICES

Potential risk of harm	Likelihood L / M / H	Required policy or procedure	Responsibility	Further action required
Lack of gender balance amongst coaches	L	Coach education policy Supervision policy	LDL	Ongoing review
No guidance for travelling and away trips	L	Travel/Away trip policy Child Safeguarding Training	LDL	Ongoing review
Lack of adherence with misc procedures in Safeguarding policy (i.e. mobile, photography, transport)	L	Safeguarding policy Complaints & disciplinary policy	LDL	Ongoing review

COMPLAINTS & DISCIPLINE

Potential risk of harm	Likelihood L / M / H	Required policy or procedure	Responsibility	Further action required
Lack of awareness of Complaints & Disciplinary policy	M	Complaints & Disciplinary procedure/policy Communications procedure	LDL	Immediate action needed Greater communication required
Difficulty in raising an issue by child & or parent Reason: Covered above	L	Complaints & Disciplinary procedure/policy Communications procedure	LDL	Review the communication/responsibilities of the procedure/policy as required

COMPLAINTS & DISCIPLINE

Potential risk of harm	Likelihood L / M / H	Required policy or procedure	Responsibility	Further action required
Complaints not being dealt with seriously	L	Complaints & Disciplinary procedure/policy	LDL	Ongoing review

REPORTING PROCEDURES

Potential risk of harm	Likelihood L / M / H	Required policy or procedure	Responsibility	Further action required
Lack of knowledge of organizational and statutory reporting procedures	M	Reporting procedures/policy Coach education policy Code of Conduct /Behavior	NGB MP DLP	Make policies and procedures available Include in Safeguarding Training (L1) Include in Coach Education Training
¤ No Mandated Person appointed	L	Reporting procedures/policy	NGB	Publicise identity of Mandated Person Train Mandated Person in their role
No DLP Appointed	L	Reporting procedures/policy	NGB LDL	Train all DLPs Publicise identity of DLPs
Concerns of abuse or harm not reported	L	Reporting procedures/policy Child Safeguarding Training - Level 1	MP DLP	Include in Safeguarding Training (L1) Publicize names of CCOs, DLPs, MP(s) Publicize internal and external reporting procedures

REPORTING PROCEDURES

Potential risk of harm	Likelihood L / M / H	Required policy or procedure	Responsibility	Further action required
Not clear who YP should talk to or report to	L	Post the names of CCOs, DLPs and MP	CCO DLP	Communicate in LDL Include in Safeguarding Training (L1)

FACILITIES

Potential risk of harm	Likelihood L / M / H	Required policy or procedure	Responsibility	Further action required
Unauthorized access to designated children's play & practice areas and to changing rooms, showers, toilets etc.	M	Supervision policy Coach education	NGB LDL	Clarify responsibilities before session starts
Unauthorised exit from children's areas	M	Supervision policy Coach education	LDL	Clarify responsibilities before session starts
Photography, filming or recording in prohibited areas	M	Photography policy and use of devices in private zones	LDL	Enforce policy in private changing and wet areas
Missing or found child on site	L	Missing or found child policy	LDL	Refer to policy and inform Gardai
Children sharing facilities with adults e.g. dressing rooms, showers etc.	L	Safeguarding policy	LDL	Plan with facilities management to create a suitable child centered environment in shared facilities

RECRUITMENT

Potential risk of harm	Likelihood L / M / H	Required policy or procedure	Responsibility	Further action required
Recruitment of inappropriate people	M	Recruitment policy	NGB LDL CCO Appropriate personnel	Ongoing review
Lack of clarity on roles	L	Recruitment policy	LDL	Check job description Put supervision in place
Unqualified or untrained people in role	L	Recruitment policy	LDL	Check qualification Ongoing review

COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Potential risk of harm	Likelihood L / M / H	Required policy or procedure	Responsibility	Further action required
Lack of awareness of 'Risk of harm' with members and visitors	H	Child Safeguarding Statement Training policy	National LDL DLP CCO	Communicate with Child Safeguarding Statement

COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Potential risk of harm	Likelihood L / M / H	Required policy or procedure	Responsibility	Further action required
No communication of Child Safeguarding Statement or Code of Behaviour to members or visitors	L	Child Safeguarding Statement - display Code of Behaviour - distribute	LDL Executive County Committee DLP Children's Officer	Communicate Child Safeguarding Statement Distribute Code or Sections as appropriate
Unauthorized photography & recording of activities	L	Photography and Use of Images policy	LDL Executive DLP Children's Officer	Ongoing review
Inappropriate use of social media and communications by under 18's	L	Communications policy Code of conduct	LDL Executive DLP Children's Officer	Ongoing review
Inappropriate use of social media and communications with under 18's	L	Communications policy Code of conduct.	LDL Executive DLP Children's Officer	Ongoing review

GENERAL RISK OF HARM

Potential risk of harm	Likelihood L / M / H	Required policy or procedure	Responsibility	Further action required
Harm not being recognized	L	Safeguarding policy Child Safeguarding Training	LDL Executive DLP Children's Officer	Ongoing review
Harm caused by - child to child coach to child volunteer to children member to child visitor to child	M	Safeguarding policy Child Safeguarding Training	LDL Executive DLP Children's Officer	Ongoing review
General behavioral Issues	M	Code of Conduct	LDL Executive DLP Children's Officer	Take disciplinary action where necessary Sign code of conduct

Explanation of Terms

Potential risk of harm to children - these are identified risks of harm to children whilst accessing activities in the Limerick District League /Region/Province/NGB.

Likelihood of harm happening - the likelihood of the risk occurring in the LDSL /region/NGB measured by you as Low/Medium or High.

Required Policy, Guidance and Procedure document - indication of the policy required to alleviate the risk.

Responsibility - provider should indicate where the responsibility for alleviating the risk lies.

Further action indicates further action that might be necessary to alleviate any risk ongoing.

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