



Saint Moninna's GAC, Killeavy Role of the Children's Officer

The club's Child Protection Officer will sit as a member of the club's Executive Committee and will be vetted through Access NI.

The role of the Children's Officer is to have as their primary aim the establishment of a child and youth centred ethos within Killeavy and will be viewed by many as the link between the children/young people in the Club and the adults. It is the responsibility of the Children's Officers to regularly report to the Executive Committee on how Club policy and procedures impact on the welfare and safeguarding of under age players and their coaches.

In particular, the Children's Officer will:

- Understand the GAA Code of Ethics, child protection procedures, rules and regulations.
- Be familiar with current child protection legislation and The Children Act 1989.
- Assist with and identify the need for Code of Ethics training within Killeavy GAC and other appropriate training in consultation with the Club's Designated Person.
- Promote greater awareness within Killeavy GAC of the GAA Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport.
- Ensure, in as far as possible, that all Players, Coaches/Team mentors, Parents/Guardians, Officials and Spectators adhere to the Code of Best Practice for Youth Sport.
- Influence policy and practice within the Club in order to prioritise children's and young people's needs.
- Promote greater consultation with under age players and participation by them in club activities and planning.
- Encourage the involvement of parents/guardians in organising Club activities and to cooperate with parents in ensuring that every young person enjoys his/her involvement with the Club.
- Develop good practice procedures in the recruitment and selection of persons working with young people in the club.
- Assist, or oversee the distribution of AccessNI Vetting in the club.
- Monitor, in association with team coaches, any significant drop out rates, lack of attendance or club transfers of under age players and report accordingly to the Executive
- Maintain on-going contact with the County Board Children's Officer and with other Club Children's Officers.

Club Children's Officers do not have the responsibility to investigate or validate child protection allegations or concerns within the Club. The liaison person appointed by the Club to deal with such concerns is the Club's Designated Person as per the GAA Guidelines for Dealing with Allegations of Abuse

Killeavy GAC will also seek to have a deputy designed Child Protection Officer.

This document has been approved by the Club Executive Committee and serves as the working role description for the Club's Children's Officer and Deputy Children's Officer.

Signed: **Kieran King** 18.12.14
Children's Officer Date

Signed: **Mary McGuinness** 18.12.14
Deputy Children's Officer Date

Signed: **Sean Callan** 18.12.14
Chairman Date