



Saint Moninna's GAC, Killeavy

Role of the Designated Person

Killeavy GAC is committed to taking appropriate action where allegations or suspicions of abuse are made known to us and to sharing such information with the relevant statutory authorities in accordance with legislation and relevant guidelines.

In our work with children and young people we are directed by appropriate legislation within the jurisdiction in which we operate. Within the GAA our Guidelines for Dealing with Allegations of Abuse and our Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport act as further guidance in all such matters.

The key role of the Club's Designated Person is to ensure that all allegations of abuse or suspicions that merit reasonable concern are dealt with as a matter of priority in a sensitive, caring and confidential manner and that this work is carried out on behalf of the Club in association with the appointed County Designated Person.

The Club Designated Person is responsible for referring all allegations or suspicions of child abuse to the County Designated Person. It is however the County designated person, having consulted with their Club counterpart, and having established reasonable grounds for concern, who will duly report such concerns to the Health and Social Care Trusts and/or the Police Service of Northern Ireland. It is the County Designated Person who shall on behalf of the Association issue debarment orders, following consultations with their Club counterparts and with the National Designated Person.

The key tasks of the club's Designated Person is to:

- Refer reports and allegations of abuse to their County Designated Person and may consult informally with statutory authorities and the Provincial/National Designated Persons if deemed necessary
- Make any such reports or referrals in line with GAA agreed procedures
- Have knowledge of statutory guidelines and relevant legislation as they relate to child protection and welfare of young people in their jurisdiction
- Have knowledge of definitions, categorisation and indicators of abuse
- Undertake Safeguarding and Protecting Children (Sportscoach UK) training as promoted by the GAA and any other training deemed relevant to their role
- Be familiar with and be able to carry out reporting procedures as outlined in the GAA Guidelines for Dealing with Allegations of Abuse
- Assist with and identify the need for Child Protection in Sport Awareness training within the Club and other appropriate training in consultation with the Club Children's Officer.
- Be aware of local contacts and support services that may assist in developing and delivering their role
- Advise, as appropriate, Club administrators on issues of confidentiality, record keeping and data protection
- Ensure that all individual case records are maintained, that all actions taken are recorded and that such records are kept in a secure and confidential place
- Communicate with parents and external agencies as appropriate.

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

Killeavy GAC will also seek to have a Deputy Designated Person.

This document has been approved by the Club Executive Committee and serves as the working role descriptor for the Club's Designated Person.

Signed: **Mary McGuinness** 18.12.14
Designated Person Date

Signed: _____
Deputy Designated Person Date

Signed: **Sean Callan** 18.12.14
Chairman Date