



Local Safeguarding Children Board



**CORNWALL CLUB &
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Commonly Held Myths True or False

- Children are mostly abused by strangers?
- Abuse is only about physical or sexual assault?
- Abuse is always intentional?
- You are more likely to be abused if you come from a 'poor' family?
- It would be easy to identify anyone who was abusing a child within our club?



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National Overview

11 million children in England of these

- 200,000 children live in households where there is a known high risk case of domestic abuse and violence
- 235,000 are 'children in need' and in receipt of support from a local authority
- 60,00 children in the care of the Local Authority
- 37,000 of these children were subject of care orders
- 29,000 children subject of child protection plans
- 55 children were killed by their parents or by someone known to the child Home Office data 2007/08



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Local Statistics

- 105,000 children in Cornwall
- 455 children in care in Cornwall
(February 2009)
- 354 children subject of Child Protection
Plans (March 2009)



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Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB)

- Local Safeguarding Children's Boards (LSCB's) have been set up under the Children Act 2004 to ensure that legislation, guidance and procedures are adhered to on a local level.
- The members of the board are made up of senior representatives of all the key agencies involved with children, young people and families.
- The LSCB and Cornwall Sports Partnership are working closely together on ensuring safeguarding children and young people in sport is prioritised within Cornwall and Isles of Scilly



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Incidence of Abuse within Sport

- ‘Although there are as yet no official statistics for the incidence of abuse in sport, the vast majority of sports organisations are dealing with cases of poor practice and abuse arising inside and outside their sports environment’. **NSPCC**
- There is a growing body of research and case evidence to indicate that young elite athletes are particularly vulnerable to abuse and the effects of poor coaching practice **NSPCC**
- In Cornwall approximately 5% of allegations that are made against professionals to the Safeguarding Children Unit which subsequently have to be investigated under nationally laid down procedures are from Sport Organisations. **Safeguarding Children Unit**



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'ClubMark'



- All clubs should be encouraged to achieve the nationally recognised standard for Safeguarding and Protecting Children in Sport. This comes in the form of 'ClubMark'.
- All funded National Governing Bodies (NGBs) are required by Sport England through their clubs to implement the National Standards for Safeguarding and Protecting Children in Sport.
- Minimum quality standards and criteria including policies, procedures including recruitment and codes of practice are available from your NGB or Cornwall Sports Partnership.



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Duty of Care

- To gain support from partner agencies, clubs need to demonstrate that they take their 'duty of care' seriously in terms of safeguarding and protecting children.
- All clubs have a duty in law not to harm or endanger anyone as a result of negligent acts or omissions in the performance of their activities.
- The culture of our society today means that the threat of litigation is ever present. Being able to demonstrate that you have in place, and adhere to clear standards and policies minimises that threat.



Accessing Basic Child Protection Awareness Child Protection Training Courses

- Sports Coach UK Safeguarding and Protecting Children Course (Details form Cornwall Sports Partnership)
- Cornwall and IOS Local Safeguarding Children Board
I day CAMAT course (Tier 3 Part 1) (No charge to attend)
- Some National Governing Bodies sport specific basic awareness workshops eg FA's Best Practice and Child Protection that have been subject to external evaluation and are indicated on the CPSUs website.



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Working Together Sharing Good Practice

- This guidance is currently being updated and will be available to all clubs by the beginning of the summer.
- It has been drawn up by Cornwall Sports Partnership in conjunction with the Local Safeguarding Children Board.
- It contains Good Practice Guidelines in Relation to all Sports Organisations.



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Remember

- Listen to children
- Take them seriously
- You are in a position of trust with children and young people.
- Always follow your NGBs guidance on safe handling.
- Ensure all those who have involvement with children and young people are CRB checked.
- If children discuss concerns with you or you are worried about them talk to your Club Welfare Officer
- As the Clubs Welfare Officer ensure you have appropriate Child Protection Training. You need to know where to go and what to do. You do not have to investigate.



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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY





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Worried About a Child?

Tel: 0300 1234 101 and specify area in which the child

Out of Hours : Tel: 01208 251300

More Information on CAMAT courses run by the LSCB;

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