

CHILD PROTECTION - PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR COACHES

ABERDEEN GRAMMAR RUGBY

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Aberdeen Grammar Rugby promotes a wide range of core values - teamwork, discipline, confidence and fun. Key to this is our commitment to child protection. Our Child Protection Policy outlines this commitment and is available on the Club website.

This practical guide provides coaches and other volunteers with advice on what to do if a concern arises about a child or young person.

Concerns

In addition to physical risk arising from playing rugby other risk can arise:

- General welfare arising from situations like separation, bereavement or divorce
- The conduct of a volunteer
- Abuse

General Welfare Concerns

Concerns not linked to abuse require a common sense approach such as discussion with a parent or carer.

Where concerns are considered to be more significant but fall short of abuse, guidance should be obtained from the Club Child Protection Officer.

Child Protection Concerns

If a child protection disclosure is made to you by a child, or someone shares a concern with you about a child:

- Stay calm and listen to what they say. Provide reassurance and record what is said even if it is a rough note
- Do not probe or ask questions other than to seek clarity about something
- Do not approach an individual against whom an allegation has been made
- Inform the Child Protection Officer

Concerns about a Volunteer

In all cases concerning a volunteer, the Child Protection Officer must be advised as soon as possible.

If you consider a child or young person is at risk of significant harm, or in immediate danger, contact Police Scotland or Social Work. Contact numbers are listed below.

Recording

If possible, record information regarding a concern or allegation even if it is only a rough note. This can help you recall what happened.

If you require any advice, information or guidance on child protection matters, please contact the Club Child Protection Officer who will be happy to assist. Contact details are below.

Contacts

Audrey Nicoll, Child Protection Officer, Mobile 07734 145 299

Police Scotland non-emergency no 101 or dial 999 in an emergency

Aberdeen City Social Work Joint Child Protection Unit 01224 306877

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/social-care-and-health/contact-us-childrens-social-work>

Aberdeen City Out of Hours Social Work Service tel 0800 7315 520

Monday to Thursday 1630 to midnight

Weekends and public holidays 0830 to midnight

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