



Aghaderg GAC & Ballyvarley HC



CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT

Aghaderg GAC & Ballyvarley HC is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all young people who wish to participate in our Gaelic Games and activities. We shall take all practicable steps to protect them from discernible forms of abuse, from harm, discrimination or degrading treatment and shall respect their rights, wishes and feelings

Staff and volunteers accept and recognise their responsibility to provide an environment which promotes the safety of the child at all times. To achieve this, we will:

- Recognise that all children and vulnerable adults have the right to be protected from harm.
- Develop an awareness of the issues which may lead to children being harmed.
- Create an open environment by appointing a Children's Officer to whom the children can turn to if they need to talk and a 'Designated person' who will liaise with the statutory authorities as appropriate.
- Provide parents, children, and vulnerable adults with the opportunity to voice any concerns they may have.
- Adopt child protection guidelines through codes of conduct for players and all adults working at the club.
- Ensure that members, coaches, team mentors, administrators, parents/guardians and spectators sign-up to and adhere to our Code of Behaviour.
- Ensure that all our coaches and volunteers are carefully recruited and selected and that they accept responsibility for ensuring the wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults in their care.
- Respond swiftly and appropriately to protect the welfare of children and vulnerable adults who participate in our games and related activities
- Ensure that all allegations of abuse of young people, and vulnerable adults, are confidentially dealt with in accordance the GAA Guidelines for Dealing with Allegations of Abuse (Fourth Edition 2009) and with statutory guidelines and relevant legislation
- Share information about concerns with children and parents and others who need to know.
- Ensure good and safe working/playing practices.
- Keep child protection policies under regular review.

