

Child Protection Policy Statement

South Glos Hockey Club believes:

- That safety and welfare of children should always be of paramount importance, whatever circumstances.
- A child, regardless of age, ability, gender, racial origin, religious belief and sexual orientation has a right to be protected from abuse.
- The rights, dignity and worth of a child should always be respected.
- That everyone with a role in working with children has a moral and legal responsibility to safeguard and promote a child's welfare particularly when it comes to protecting children from abuse.
- That special care is needed in dealing with children whose age, inexperience or ability makes them particularly vulnerable to abuse.

South Glos Hockey Club promises to:

- Adopt this Child Protection Policy to ensure that the welfare and safety of children in South Glos Hockey Club's care or custody is always the primary consideration.
- Commit to providing an environment where children can learn about, participate in and enjoy hockey free from harassment or abuse.
- Commit to the delivery of a National Child Welfare Implementation plan that will enable the whole hockey environment to;
- Accept moral and legal responsibility to implement procedures, to provide a duty of care for young people, safeguard their wellbeing and protect them from abuse.
- Respond to any allegations appropriately and implement the appropriate disciplinary and appeals procedures.
- Respect and promote the rights, wishes and feelings of young people and disabled adults.
- Require staff and volunteers to adopt and abide by the South Glos Hockey Club's Conduct, Health & Safety, Child Protection & Discipline Policies. Who this policy applies to: The Children Act 1989 states that anyone who is involved in the care of children should