

Children & Vulnerable Persons' Protection Policy Statement

It is the policy of Limerick Sports Partnership to safeguard the welfare of all children and vulnerable persons' by protecting them from all forms of abuse. Limerick Sports Partnership is committed to safeguarding young people and vulnerable persons' and to provide a safe space for children, young people and vulnerable persons' to grow, develop, learn and have fun.

We will endeavour to safeguard children and vulnerable persons' by:

- Providing safeguarding/policy training for staff and leaders on LSP programmes
- Making Children and Vulnerable Persons' policy and related policies available on LSP's website to download
- Reviewing and updating policies and procedures as per policy statements
- Ensuring that LSP has relevant information in relation to children and vulnerable persons as determined by the nature of the activity
- Complying with the Data Protection Policy in respect of personal and sensitive data regarding children and their parents and guardians subject to child protection concerns
- Having procedures in place for the reporting and recording of accident, injuries and emergencies
- Reporting any concerns to a Designated Safeguarding Liaison Person and following reporting procedures
- Regularly evaluating work practices where contact with children and vulnerable persons occurs
- Being proactive in dealing with concerns or potential problems
- Keeping parents and guardians informed of any issues of concern regarding their children
- Ensuring that partner organisations are familiar with the LSP guidelines
- Ensuring that there are adequate insurance arrangements in place to cover all relevant activities.
- Continue to support the mission of the National Youth Strategy *"The aim of the National Youth Strategy is to enable all young people to realise their maximum potential, by respecting their rights and hearing their voices, while protecting and supporting them as they transition from childhood to adulthood."*

In conjunction with Sport Ireland, the Designated Persons and the LSP Board will review the Child Protection policy, procedures and practices on a bi-annual basis and also in accordance with any changes in relevant legislation and national guidelines in relation to Child Protection and young people and vulnerable persons'. The Annual General Meeting of Board Members from all relevant agencies will include an overview of the policy and responsibilities of individuals therein.

The Policy requires all staff, tutors, volunteers, programme participants, visitors and all other users of Limerick Sports Partnership facilities to abide by the working practices contained within this policy.

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