

Role of the Designated Liaison Person

When a club appoints a DLP it is equally important to select a Deputy Designated Liaison Person who in the event of the unavailability of the DLP may be called upon to fulfil the role. Training should be made available and taken up by both parties.

The Club DLP shall:

- Have detailed knowledge of the GAA Best Practice in Youth Sport and the GAA Guidelines for dealing with allegations of abuse document
- Have knowledge of the Code of Ethics Good Practice for Children's Sport (Irish Sports Council and Northern Ireland)
- Have knowledge of statutory guidelines and relevant legislation as they relate to child protection and welfare of young people
- Have knowledge of definitions / categorisation and indicators of abuse
- Undertake Code of Ethics (ISC/Sport NI) Basic Awareness training provided by Cumann Luthchleas Gael and any other training relating to their role or to Child Protection and Welfare matters
- Be familiar with and able to carry out reporting procedures as outlined in the GAA Guidelines for Dealing with allegations of Abuse
- Communicate with parents and external agencies as appropriate
- Assist with and identify the need for Code of Ethics (ISC/Sport NI) training within the Club and other appropriate training in consultation with the Club's Children's Officer
- Be aware of local contacts and support services that may assist in developing and delivering their roles
- Advise as appropriate, club administrators on issues of confidentiality, record keeping and data protection

The role of the DLP is outlined in the GAA Guidelines for Dealing with Allegations of Abuse. It is important to note that the Designated Officer does not have a therapeutic role or a responsibility for investigating or validating child protection concerns within the Club.

Investigations of alleged abuse are carried out by the relevant Statutory Authorities as outlined in Children First and our Duty to Care or by specially appointed trained personnel in counselling, psychological and child therapeutic services. Further review and consideration of any Allegations of Abuse within the GAA Structures may be carried out as deemed necessary by the appropriate body in the GAA , appointed for such purposes.

