

### **Safeguarding Statement for Children and Young People at Shoreline Leisure**

Shoreline Leisure acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and Sport Ireland requirements.

The policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, ability or disability, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, socio-economic background, all children have a positive and enjoyable experience of sport in a safe and child centred environment and are protected from abuse whilst participating in athletics or outside of the activity.

Shoreline Leisure acknowledges that some children, including disabled children and young people or those from ethnic minority communities, can be particularly vulnerable to abuse and we accept the responsibility to take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure their welfare by working with the child's parents or carers.

As part of our safeguarding policy Shoreline Leisure will:

- ✓ promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people
- ✓ ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate learning to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young people
- ✓ ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern
- ✓ ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored
- ✓ prevent the employment/deployment of unsuitable individuals and maintain a safe recruitment and vetting policy
- ✓ ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation.

Our Code of Ethics and safeguarding policies and guidelines are available for download on our website and are mandatory for everyone involved with children in Shoreline Leisure.

Shoreline Leisure is committed to ensuring children and young people enjoy their sport in a safe, fun and fair way and we would appeal to everyone involved in sport to play their part. Child protection in sport is all our responsibility. We all have a duty of care to act if we have a concern for a child or a young person. The wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is paramount and all Shoreline Leisure sports leaders are vetted and undergo safeguarding awareness training as required by legislation.

We have appointed two Club Children's Officer and Designated Liaison Persons to deal with any concerns that may arise. If you have any concerns about a child in your club or your community please contact your local Tusla office (Child and family Agency) or Garda station. If you have any concerns about child welfare at Shoreline Leisure you can contact Sue Brady on 01-2016145 or by email at [shorelinesportspark@gmail.com](mailto:shorelinesportspark@gmail.com)