

Risk Assessment for North County Cricket Club : February 2024

This risk assessment considers the potential for harm to come to children whilst they are in our clubs care. This risk assessment precedes the Child Safeguarding Statement (Section 11 (1b) Children First Act 2015) which is developed following this risk assessment process. In accordance with the requirements of Section 11 (1) of the Children First Act 2015 the risk is of abuse and not general health and safety risk (covered under a separate H&S policy and risk assessment).

Section 11 (1) of the Children First Act 2015 states that where a person proposes to operate as a provider of a relevant service, he or she shall, within 3 months from the date on which he or she commences as such a provider —

Undertake an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of the service (in this section referred to as a “risk”).

Potential risk of harm to children	Likelihood of harm happening	Required Policy, Guidance and Procedure document	Responsibility Club/Region/National	Further action required ...
COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA				
No communication of Child Safeguarding Statement or Code of Conduct to members or visitors	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Safeguarding Statement - Displayed Prominently Code of Conduct - Distribute 	Club Childrens’ Officer Club Executive CL CI	Communicate Child Safeguarding Statement Distribute Code of Conduct as appropriate Ongoing review
Lack of awareness of ‘risk of harm’ with members and visitors	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Safeguarding Statement SG Training Policy 	CCO / Club Executive CL / CI	Communicate Child SG Statement Ongoing review
Inappropriate use of social media and communications by under 18’s/with under 18’s	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Media Policy Texts/Whatsapp Groups & Emails Policy Code of Conduct 	CCO / Club Executive CL / CI	Communicate Policies Ongoing review
PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO				
Unauthorised photography & recording of activities	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photography/Video Policy Photography on Websites Policy 	CCO / Club Executive CL / CI	Communicate Policies Ongoing review

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COACHING / PLAYING				
Lack of coaching qualification (including safeguarding training)	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaching Policy Safe Recruitment Policy Child Safeguarding Training 	CCO / Club Executive CL / CI	Ongoing review & log to be kept with qualification, GV & SG status.
Supervision Issues & Behavioural/Bullying Issues – peer to peer & leader behaviour	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaching Policy Code of Conduct Anti-Bullying Policy Child Safeguarding Training (SG1) 	Coach CCO / Club Exec. CL / CI	Communicate Policies Ongoing review
Player Welfare	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children in Adult Cricket Policy Minimum Ages Policy 	Coach / Captain CCO / Club Exec. CL / CI	Communicate Policies Ongoing review
Physical Contact	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical Contact Policy Child Safeguarding Training 	Coach / CCO / Club Exec CL / CI	Communicate Policies Ongoing review
Late Collection of Children	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late Collection of Children Policy 	Coach / CCO / Club Exec CL / CI	Communicate Policy Ongoing review
Travel / Away Games	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport Policy Child Safeguarding Training 	Coach / Captain CCO / Club Exec. CL / CI	Communicate Policy Ongoing review
Lack of adherence with Safeguarding Procedures	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CL Safeguarding Policy Adopted Child Safeguarding Training 	CCO / Club Exec. CL / CI	Ongoing review
FACILITIES				
Children sharing facilities with adults e.g. changing rooms, bathrooms & showers	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Safeguarding Training Changing Rooms & Showering Facilities Policy 	CCO / Club Exec. CL / CI	Communicate Policy Ongoing review
Photography, filming or recording in prohibited areas	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing Rooms & Showering Facilities Policy Social Media Policy, Photography/Video Policy 	CCO / Club Executive CL / CI	Communicate Policies Ongoing review

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REPORTING CONCERNS				
Lack of knowledge of organisational and statutory reporting procedures	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Safe Guarding Training ▪ Safe Recruitment Procedure ▪ Manage Allegation of Abuse Policy ▪ Reporting Welfare Concerns Policy 	DLP / Club Executive CL / CI	Ongoing review SG Statement references policies & where they can be found on CL web.
Complaints not being dealt with seriously	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Safe Guarding Training ▪ Safe Recruitment Procedure 	Coach/CCO/DLP Club Executive CL / CI	Ongoing review. All complaints to be recorded & reviewed with CCO/DLP & CL/CI/Tusla as appropriate.
Concerns of abuse or harm not reported - To club / To Tusla	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Safeguarding Statement ▪ Safe Guarding Training ▪ Safe Recruitment Procedure ▪ Manage Allegation of Abuse Policy ▪ Reporting Welfare Concerns Policy 	Coach/CCO/DLP Club Executive CL / CI	Ongoing review Communicate Child SG Statement Publicise CCO & DLP Names. All complaints to be recorded & reviewed with DLP/CL/CI/Tusla
Not clear who Young Person should talk to or report to	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Post the names of CCOs, DLPs and MP on Notice Board & Website ▪ Safeguarding Poster for Children's Officer 	CCO / Club Executive CL / CI	Ongoing review Our CCO is our Mandated Person.
Harm not being recognised	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Safe Guarding Training ▪ Safe Recruitment Procedure 	CCO / Club Executive CL / CI	Ongoing review

This Risk Assessment document has been reviewed and completed on 27th February 2024 by :

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Club Chairperson

Date: 27th February 2024

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