**Guilsborough Playing Field Association**

**CHILD PROTECTION POLICY**

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

Child welfare is paramount. All children, without exception, have the right to protection from abuse.

**1. Policy**

No member of the trustees, helpers or other volunteers will have unsupervised access to children unless appropriately vetted.

**Procedure**

All members of the trustees, helpers or other volunteers will be made aware of this policy and the relevant vetting procedures. Should checks become necessary, they will be undertaken in compliance with the Protection of Children Act 1999, the Children Act 1989 and Part V of the Police Act 1997.

**2. Policy**

All suspicions or allegations of abuse against a child will be taken seriously and dealt with speedily and appropriately

**Procedure**

The Clubs and other organisations (e.g. schools) who use the Field will be responsible for Child Protection Matters. They will have responsibility for reporting concerns that arise, as a matter of urgency, to the GPFA secretary (G. Byars 01604740545) and the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).

You can also report concerns at <http://www.nctrust.co.uk/help-and-protection-for-children/Pages/report-a-concern.aspx>.

The out of hours team contact if urgent contact is required is 01604 626938.

For emergencies contact 999

All referrals should be phoned or emailed to MASH in the first instance (0300 126 7000), MASH@northamptonshire.gcsx.go.uk

The Designated Officers email is doreferral@northamptonshire.gov.uk

**Key Contacts within Northampton Borough Council**

The Designated Officers are:

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| Service Area | Designated Officer |
| Housing and Wellbeing | Phil Harris (01604 837666) |
| Community Safety | Victoria Rockall (01604 837074) |
| Customer and Cultural  | Marion Goodman (01604 838273) |
| Secretary Support  | Judy Goodman (01604 837409) |

**External contacts**

NCC Children and Young People’s Services

Initial Contact Team 0300 1261006

NCC Adult Services

Adult Care Team 0845 124 4500

Northamptonshire Police

Child Abuse Investigation Unit on 0300 111222

Age UK Information Line

0800 009966

**3. Policy**

All trustees and volunteers will be required to become aware of Child Protection issues.

**Procedure**

All members of the trustees, helpers or other volunteers will be advised on how to access copies of the relevant Acts and DOH guidelines.

**4. Policy**

The policies and procedures will be regularly reviewed

**Procedure**

An annual review will take place in February each year to allow for any required up-date of policies and or procedures. New trustees and volunteers will be provided with an understanding of their responsibilities in matters of child protection.

**5. Policy**

Members of the local community who use the GPFA facilities should be aware of the GPFA Child Protection policies.

A copy of this document will be displayed for the attention of all.

Approved by:

 GPFA Chairman\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| All Stars Cricket |  |  |
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