



# TROIJAN GYMNASTIC CLUB

## Trojan Gymnastic Club, Club Designated Person

The Club Designated Person has prepared for their role by attending a 'Basic Awareness Workshop' for 'Safeguarding children in Sport' and Safeguarding 3 workshop for designated persons

### **Responsibilities of the Designated Person**

1. Dealing with any concerns about the protection of children.
2. The Designated Person is responsible for reporting allegations or suspicions of child abuse to the Health Service Executive and/or An Garda Síochána.
3. The Club Designated Person should: - Have knowledge of the Irish Sports Council 'Code of Ethics & Good Practice for Youth Sport' and 'Children First' (ROI guidelines)
4. Have knowledge of categories and indicators of abuse
5. Be familiar with and able to carry out reporting procedures as outlined in this policy
6. Communicate with Parents/Guardians and/or external agencies as appropriate
7. Assist with Code of Best Practice training needs within the Club
8. Liaise with Club and National Children's Officer in relation to Code of Best Practice training needs
9. Be aware of local contacts and services relating to child protection
10. Advise Club Administrators on issues of confidentiality, record keeping and data protection
11. Keep a log of any issues raised
12. Attend any internal information sessions and seminars organised by Gymnastics Ireland for Designated Persons

It is important to remember that the Children's Officer or Designated Person do not have the responsibility of investigating or validating child protection concerns within their Club and have no counselling or therapeutic role. These roles are filled by the Statutory Authorities as outlined by 'Children First' and 'Our Duty to Care'.

It is however possible that child protection concerns will be brought to the attention of the Children's Officer (or Designated Person) and it is essential that they discuss all concerns with the Designated Person and follow the correct procedures as outlined in 'Children First/ Co-operating to Safeguard Children'.

The Gymnastics Ireland National Children's Officer will work with Club Officials to further develop a quality atmosphere within Clubs.