



TEMPLATE 15

Useful Contacts

IABA Children's Welfare Officers	Names and Contact details:
IABA National Children's Officer	David Britton Tel: 086 0453904 Email: david@iaba.ie
Ulster Council IABA Children's Officer	Kevin Duffy Tel: 07516105154 Email: kevinduffyboxing@gmail.com
Leinster Council IABA Children's Officer	Harry Mc Kenna Tel: 087 4342017 Email: connollyboxing@gmail.com
Munster Council IABA Children's Officer	Gerry O'Mahoney Tel: 087 7545100 Email: ironmangymbc@hotmail.com
Connacht Council IABA Children's Officer	Joe Hennigan Tel: 087 7501091 Email: fhennigan@coca-cola.com
Access Northern Ireland	www.accessni.gov.uk
Behavioural Management	www.parenting-ed.org
Booster Seat Legislation	www.thinkroadsafety.gov.uk
Bullying	www.kidsscape.org.uk www.bullying.co.uk
Child exploitation online Protection	www.ceop.gov.uk
Child Protection in Sport Unit (CSPU)	02890 351135 pstephenson@nspcc.org.uk www.thecpsu.org.uk
Childline Northern Ireland	www.childline.org.uk
Childline Ireland	www.childline.ie
Counselling for Young People	www.contactyouth.org
Domestic Violence	www.womensaid.org.uk

Drugs & Alcohol abuse	www.contactyouth.org
First Aid	www.sja.org.uk
Health	www.kidsallergies.co.uk
Internet Safety	www.iwf.org.uk
NI Commissioner for Children & Young People	www.nickey.org
NSPCC (Northern Ireland) Help and Advice line	www.help@nspcc.org.uk 0808 800 5000
Health and Social Care Trusts (Northern Ireland) 9.00 - 5.00 contact numbers	Each trust will have a Gateway team to deal with reports of abuse and also more local contacts for on-going professional liaison for advice on concerns. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern HSC Trust Tel: 03001234333 • South Eastern HSC Trust Tel: 0300 100 0300 • Southern HSC Trust Tel: 0800 783 7745 • Belfast HSC Trust Tel: 028 9050 7000 • Western HSC Trust Tel: 028 7131 4090
Regional Emergency Social Work service. Available 5.00 PM – 9.00 AM Monday to Thursday and 5.00 PM on Friday to 9.00 AM on Monday. There is a 24 hour cover over public holidays.	Tel: 028 9504 9999
Parental Advice	www.parentsadvicecentre.org
Special Educational Needs	www.throughtheroof.org
Sport NI	www.sportni.net Tel: 028 90 381222
Suicide & Self Harm	www.pipsproject.com www.samaritans.org
Volunteer Development Agency	www.volunteering-ni.org

Children's Officer (The IABA have decided that the role sometimes referred to as the Designated person should be amalgamated into this one role).

The Children's Officer should be a member of or have access to, the Club Management Committee and should be introduced to the young people in an appropriate forum. Every Club should designate a person to be responsible for dealing with any concerns about the safeguarding of children. The IABA has designated the children's officer as the

person responsible for reporting allegations or suspicions of child abuse to Health Services Executive or Health and Social Care Trusts and/or An Garda Síochána/PSNI.

This person should:

Promote awareness of code within the club, among young members and their parents/guardians. This could be achieved by: - the production /distribution of information

Leaflets, the establishment of children's/age-group specific notice boards, regular information meetings for the young people and their parents/guardians.

- Influence policy and practice within the club in order to prioritise children's needs.
- Ensure that children know how to make concerns known to appropriate adults or agencies.
- Encourage the appropriate involvement of parents/guardians in the club activities
- Act as an advisory resource to Sports Leaders on best practice in children's sport
- Report regularly to the Club Managements Committee
- Monitor changes in membership and follow up any unusual dropout, absenteeism or club transfers by children or Sports Leaders
- Ensure that the children have a voice in the running of their club and ensure that there are steps young people can take to express concerns about their activities/ experiences.
- Facilitate parent's information sessions at the start of the season
- Keep records of each member on file, including junior members, their contact numbers and any special needs of the child that should be known to leaders
- Ensure each member signs an annual membership form that includes signing up to the code of conduct
- Have a knowledge of categories and indicators of abuse
- Undertake training in relation to child protection
- Be familiar with and able to carry out reporting procedures as outlined by the IABA
- Communicate with parents and/or agencies as appropriate
- Assist with ongoing development and implementation of the IABA's Safeguarding Policy
- Liaise with the National Children's Officer in relation to safeguarding training needs
- Be aware of local contacts and services in relation to safeguarding, i.e. principal and duty social workers and their contacts
- To inform local duty social worker in the Tusla Child & Family Agency or The Gateway Service Team and/or An Garda Síochána/PSNI of relevant concerns about individual children
- Report persistent poor practice to the National Children's Officer

- Advise club administrators on issues of confidentiality, record keeping and data protection

Children's Officers do not have the responsibility of investigating or validating child protection concerns within the club or at IABA level and have no counselling or therapeutic role. These roles are filled by the Statutory Authorities as outlined in 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. In this event, it is essential that the correct procedure is followed.