



### **Club Designated Person**

The role of the Designated Person is to deal with any child protection concerns and report genuine concerns to the statutory authorities. The Designated Person will also deal with communication regarding Garda Vetting of Volunteers.

The Club Children's Officer should hold an up to date Irish Sports Council or Sports Council of Northern Ireland Code of Ethics and Child Welfare Officer Certification.

The Club Designated Person should:

- ◆ Have knowledge of the Code of Ethics and Statutory guidelines.
- ◆ Have knowledge of categories and indicators of abuse.
- ◆ Be prepared to undertake training in relation to child protection.
- ◆ Be familiar with and able to carry out reporting procedures as set out in the *Code of Ethics and Good Practice in Children in Athletics*.
- ◆ Communicate with parents and/or agencies as appropriate.
- ◆ Assist with the ongoing development and implementation of clubs child protection training needs.
- ◆ Be aware of local contacts and services in relation to child protection.
- ◆ Inform local duty social worker in the Health Services Executive Local Area Board; local Social Services and/or An Garda Síochána/PSNI of relevant concerns about individual children.
- ◆ Advise Club Administrators on strategies to deal with poor practice and bullying concerns.

**Children's Officers/Designated Officers do not have the responsibility of investigating or validating child protection concerns within the club and have no counselling or therapeutic role. This responsibility lies with the Health Services and the Gardai/Police.**