

City of Leeds Swimming Club

Child Protection Policy

1. Policy Statement

1.1 The City of Leeds Swimming Club has a duty of care to safeguard all children involved in the City of Leeds SC from harm. All children have the right to protection, and the needs of disabled children and others who may be particularly vulnerable must be taken into account.

1.2 The City of Leeds will ensure the safety and protection of all children involved in the club, through adherence to the ASA Child Protection in Swimming Procedures and Guidelines.

1.3 The welfare of children is everyone's responsibility that is, administrator, club official, coach, parent, friend, and children themselves. Everyone can help.

1.4 A child is defined as a person under the age 18 (Children Act 1989)

2. Policy Aims

2.1 The aim of the City of Leeds Swimming Club child protection policy is to promote good practice:

- Providing children and young people with appropriate safety and protection whilst in the care of City of Leeds SC;
- Allow all staff and volunteers to make informed and confident responses to specific child protection issues.

2.2 The underlying principles with respect to child protection are that:

- The child's welfare is the first consideration.
- All children, regardless of age, any disability they have, gender, racial origin, religious belief and sexual identity have a right to be protected from abuse.
- Children and young people must be treated with integrity and respect.

3. The Club

3.1 Acknowledges that young people have the right to be treated with respect and for their concerns to be listened to and acted upon.

3.2 Will support members who make allegations of abuse, and that any information is treated confidentially.

3.3 Aims to create an environment that is safe, secure and free from threat for all members.

3.4 Standards set by the City of Leeds SC will be achieved through ensuring:

- Awareness of the issues which lead to children being harmed
- Safe recruiting procedures for volunteers
- Code of ethics as per ASA handbook
- Availability of information
- Regular review and monitoring of child protection procedures by the executive committee.
- All children are treated equally

The policy applies to all those involved in the City of Leeds SC, coaches, administrators, officials, volunteers, parents and children and young people.

4. Child Welfare Officer

4.1 Name: Pam Smith Contact Number: 01484 380336

5. Helplines

5.1 Other useful numbers if you wish to report concerns of abuse:

Leeds Social Services Department direct on 011 3 2478629

NSPCC on 0800 800 5000

Childline on 0800 1111

Swimline on 0808 1 00 400 1 or 0800 73 1 7466

Pam Smith

Child Welfare Officer

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www.sprotects.org.uk

Child protection in Sport Unit. Information and resources for all those involved in sport with children and young people.

www.nspcc.org.uk

The NCPCC website

www.bullying.co.uk

Advice for parents, children and schools. Links to multiple sites about bullying.

www.childline.org.uk

Childline Charity with 24hour national telephone helpline.

www.there4me.com

NSPCC service for 12-16 yo in British Isles.