

# **Reporting Procedures**

## **Guidelines for reporting accidents**

In the event of an accident, the following procedure will be carried out:-

- IT IS ESSENTIAL TO MAKE CONTACT WITH PARENTS/GUARDIANS
- Fill in an Accident Form in folder for ALL accidents
- Keep copy of form in the incident book/ folder
- Children's officer to check and sign off/ action required
- Contact emergency services/ GP if required
- Record in detail all facts surrounding the accident, witnesses etc.

# Guidelines for reporting allegations/incidents

- Record all incidents reported or observed on 1st page of Incident Form
- · Make contact with and forward report to Children's officer for further action
- Ensure confidentiality only "need to know basis"

#### **CHILDRENS OFFICERS:**

- Female Officer: Charlotte Molloy charlotteferniemolloy@gmail.com Contact: 0863809572
- Male Officer: Position vacant
- DLP: Sinead Brown sineadbrown@gmail.com Contact: 0876431223

### Guidelines for responding to a child reporting an incident

#### DO's

- Stay calm
- Listen & hear. Give the person time to say what they want
- Reassure them that they have done the right thing in telling and that it will be dealt with appropriately
- Record in writing what was said as soon as possible
- Report to someone else in the organisation the childrens officer /DLP
- Record your report

#### DON'Ts

- Panic
- Promise to keep secrets
- Enquire into the details of the abuse
- Make a child repeat the story unnecessarily.

#### **CONTACTS:**

- National Children's Officer: Roger Geraghty roger.geraghty@tennisireland.ie
  Contact: 087 2316478
- Leinster Children's Officer: Rory Wilson Email: rwilson@iol.ie Contact: 087 6776142

## **Statutory Contacts Republic of Ireland & Northern Ireland**

TUSLA-Child & Family Agency

- If in the Republic of Ireland and you have any concerns about a child you should report it to the Child & Family Agency please see website for contact details
- http://www.tusla.ie/ services/child-protection-welfare/contact-a-social-worker/

Any query or concern in relation to children out of hours should be reported immediately to An Garda Siochana, Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Trusts

Each trust will have a Gateway team to deal with reports of abuse and also more local contacts for ongoing professional liaison for advice on concerns.

Regional Emergency Social Work service - Available - 9.00 - 5pm - Monday to Friday.

There is a 24 hour cover over public holidays. Tel: 028 9504 9999

9.00 - 5.00 Gateway Numbers

Northern HSC Trust Tel: 03001234333

South Eastern HSC Trust Tel: 03001000300

Southern HSC Trust Tel: 08007837745

Belfast HSC Trust Tel: 028 90 507000

Western HSC Trust Tel: 028 71314090

For further information see: https://www.tennisireland.ie/child-protection/achieving-child-protection-compliance/