



Procedure for Managing Allegations

When dealing with allegations, LOS agrees to:

- apply common sense and judgement.
- deal with allegations quickly, fairly and consistently.
- provide effective protection for the child and support the person subject to the allegation if known.

Looking after the welfare of the child -The Designated Safeguarding Lead will be responsible for ensuring the child is not at risk.

Recording of allegation

If an allegation is made a recording of event should be documented to inform the relevant authorities as necessary.

This will include:

- Who was involved – including their full name, address and date of birth
- If the individual was at an LOS event at the time of the allegation
- If the individual did, or could have, come into contact with the child
- The general nature of the allegation - What happened?
- If there were any witnesses – if so, who were they?
- When and where the incident is alleged to have occurred

All records are kept confidential in line with the Data Protection legislation and shared only on a need-to-know basis with relevant individuals/authorities.

Leinster Open Sea agree to

- Calling 999 if the child is in immediate danger.
- Following Swim Ireland's Safeguarding Policies and Procedures as soon as possible if the danger is not imminent. The policies will state who the safeguarding lead is and who concerns should be reported to.
- Contacting the local child protection services in The Department of Health who are responsible for child protection.

Leinster Open Sea Committee agree to ensure that any decisions made are in the best interests of the child.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility.

The investigation of suspected child abuse is the responsibility of the Statutory Authorities and should not be undertaken by LOS Children's Officers/ Designated Liaison Person's or Sports Leaders.