**The Role of the Designated Liaison Person (DLP)**

**Every County/Club should designate a person to be responsible for dealing with any concerns about the protection of children.**

**The Designated Liaison Person is responsible for reporting allegations or suspicions of child abuse to TUSLA Child and Family Agency and/or An Garda Siochána.**

The Club or County Chairperson automatically assumes the role of DLP unless another person is chosen and ratified by the relevant Club Executive Committee or County Committee to undertake the role.

The DLP should be ratified by their Club or County Committee on an annual basis.

Note: In the event of any conflict of interest refer to the County DLP

**Role of the Club/County DLP**

* Have knowledge & be committed to Code of Behaviour (Underage), Guidance for Dealing with & Reporting Allegations & Concerns of Abuse and Children First (ROI)/NI Legislation
* Have a knowledge of categories and indicators of abuse
* Undertake training in relation to child protection (Safeguarding 1 and 3)
* Beware of local contacts and services in relation to child protection i.e. principal and duty social workers and their contacts
* Communicate with parents and/or Statutory Agencies as appropriate
* Follow reporting procedures and inform Statutory Agencies/Gateway Team (NI) of any concerns or allegations
* Inform National DLP of any concerns or reports made. Advice is available from the National DLP
* Be easily contactable