

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

FOR

STRANRAER AND DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION

Stranraer and District Angling Association is fully committed to safeguarding the the welfare of all children who are members of the organisation. It recognises the responsibility to promote safe practice and to protect children from harm, abuse and exploitation. For the purposes of this policy and associated procedures a child is recognised as someone under the age of 18 years.

Association officials will work together to embrace difference and diversity and respect the rights of children and young people.

This document outlines Stranraer and District Angling Association's commitment to protecting children. These guidelines are based on the following principles:

- >The welfare of children is the primary concern.
- >All children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, socio- economic status, religious beliefs and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from all forms of harm and abuse.
- >Child protection is everyone's responsibility.
- >Children have the right to express views on all matters which affect them, should they choose to do so.

> The Association will work in partnership together with children and parents/carers to promote the welfare, health and development of children.

Stranraer and District Angling Association will:

>Promote the health and welfare of children by providing opportunities for them to participate in angling safely.

>Respect and promote the rights, wishes and feelings of children.

>Promote and implement appropriate procedures to safeguard the wellbeing of children and protect them from abuse.

>Recruit, train, support and supervise its members and volunteers to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect children from abuse and to reduce risk to themselves.

>Respond to any allegations of misconduct or abuse of children in line with this policy and these procedures as well as implementing, where appropriate, the relevant disciplinary and appeals procedures.

>Observe guidelines issued by local Child Protection Committees for the protection of children.

>Regularly monitor and evaluate the implementation of this policy and these procedures.

REVIEW

>In accordance with changes in legislation and guidance on the protection of children or following any changes within Stranraer and District Angling Association.

>Following any concerns raised about the protection of children within Stranraer and District Angling Association.

>In all other circumstances, at least every three years.