

Lyme Regis Sea Angling Club Child Safeguarding Policy

Name of club: **Lyme Regis Sea Angling Club**

This policy was last reviewed on: **4th February 2017**

Date of next review: **4th February 2018**

Named Safeguarding Officer: **Gavin Tyte**

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Policy Statement

Lyme Regis Sea Angling Club acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies Angling Trust? requirements.

The policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, gender, religion or beliefs, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or socio-economic background, all children have a positive and enjoyable experience of angling at Lyme Regis Sea Angling Club events in a safe and child centred environment and are protected from abuse whilst participating in sea angling.

Policy Aims

As part of our safeguarding policy Lyme Regis Sea Angling Club will:

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people

- ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate education/training to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young people
- ensure that all volunteers working on behalf of the club are aware of their responsibility to report concerns to their Safeguarding Officer
- ensure that all suspicions and allegations of abuse and poor practice are taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately
- ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern
- ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored
- prevent the employment/deployment of unsuitable individuals
- ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation
- Lyme Regis Sea Angling Club will work in close partnership with children, young people and parent/guardians to review and implement child protection and safeguarding procedures.

Responsibilities

- This policy will be available to and adhered by all members, parents/guardians, staff, volunteers and participants.
- Lyme Regis Sea Angling Club's Safeguarding Officer has responsibility for responding to any allegations, concerns or child protection incidents, passing information on to the appropriate authorities.
- Members, Parents/Guardians, staff, volunteers and participants all have a responsibility to work together with Lyme Regis Sea Angling Club in implementing procedures.

The policy and procedures will be widely promoted and are mandatory for everyone involved in Lyme Regis Sea Angling Club. Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in dismissal/exclusion from the club.

Monitoring

The policy will be reviewed a year after development and then every three years, or in the following circumstances:

- changes in legislation and/or government guidance
- as required by any governing bodies
- as a result of any other significant change or event.