

Winchester Running Club

# Welfare and Safeguarding

**Safeguarding and protecting children and vulnerable adults is everyone's responsibility, not just the obligation of a few. Therefore, safeguarding children and adults applies to all members in Winchester Running Club.**

## **Aim**

Our aim is to create an environment in which vulnerable adults, young athletes (children) and their parent(s), guardian, responsible adult, carer, closest relative can feel confident that Winchester Running Club is providing a safe setting for all participants.

All suspicions and allegations of abuse against young athletes or adults will be responded to, and followed up appropriately in accordance with England Athletics safeguarding policies and procedures, along with local Area Child Protection Policy and adult safeguarding guidelines and procedures.

Winchester Running club adopts the UKA safeguarding policies and procedures. The UKA policies and procedures for the protection of children, vulnerable adults can be accessed below:

## **To access the Children's Safeguarding policies:**

<https://www.englandathletics.org/?media-alias=932f8256ff6bdfa0b885>

## **To access the Adult Safeguarding policies:**

<https://www.englandathletics.org/?media-alias=932f8256ff6bdfa0b885>

## **Procedures**

These procedures detail the steps to be taken when a concern is raised that a child or an adult involved in athletics and related activities, is at risk of or is experiencing harm. They should be implemented with reference to the two above policies.

## **Access the child safeguarding procedures:**

<https://www.englandathletics.org/?media-alias=24fbce1bb308791ef2c2>

## **Access the Adult Safeguarding Procedures.**

<https://www.englandathletics.org/?media-alias=49528036035be128aa92>

## **What to do if concerns are raised about a child or conduct of a person in a position of trust.**

<https://www.englandathletics.org/?media-alias=56520092225c131e4a87>

Any coach, volunteer or officer of the Club may be placed in a position of trust by a child who may feel able to disclose incidents which have occurred at school or at home. These must be taken seriously and referred to WRC Welfare Officer and Hampshire Children's Services Department. It may not be safe for the child to return home.

## **DBS**

WRC takes its responsibilities towards the welfare of children very seriously and requires anyone in WRC who has significant contact with children to have an Advanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check.

WRC coaches, assistant coaches and officials will have a DBS check as part of their license.

Parent helpers in groups of children or vulnerable adults and team managers for children's competitions will also be DBS checked, as will committee members and anyone with access to the club's data base.

WRC DBS verifier – Sam Parkinson Welfare Officer.

## **Useful Contacts**

Winchester Running Club Welfare Officer: Sam Parkinson  
welfare@winchesterrunningclub.org.uk

Hampshire Children's Services Department: 0300 555 1384

Hampshire Adult Services: The Adult Health and Social Care team at Hampshire County Council provides advice, care and support for adults. Call 0300 555 1386 or 0300 555 1373 (out of hours).

Hampshire Police:

- Non Emergency 101
- Emergency 999

Local Authority Designated Officer Winchester (LADO) on 01962 876364.

UKA Safeguarding Officer: [safeguarding@uka.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@uka.org.uk) Sue Wilson

England Athletics Welfare Officer: [welfare@englandathletics.org](mailto:welfare@englandathletics.org) Abbie Cranage

Childline Tel: 0800 1111