

STRANRAER FC – CHILD WELLBING AND SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT

This Policy Statement is Stranraer Football Club's position regarding the protection of all children and young people involved all aspects of the club.

Iain Dougan

Chairman

On Behalf Of The Committee Stranraer FC

THE AIMS OF THE POLICY ARE TO:

Develop a positive and pro-active approach concerning the protection of all children and young people involved in football, helping them to participate in an enjoyable and safe environment.

Demonstrate best practice in the area of child protection.

Promote high standards of professional practice throughout all levels of the club.

POLICY STATEMENTS:

Stranraer Football Club is determined to ensure that all necessary steps are taken to protect all children and young people who participate in football.

The club offers a wide range of football development opportunities for children and young people and aims to provide the highest standards of care, coaching and development.

Every child and young person must be able to participate in football in an enjoyable and safe environment and this responsibility must be shared by every adult involved with the club.

The club recognises that it is everyone's responsibility to protect all children and young people from physical, sexual or emotional abuse and from all forms of neglect, harassment or bullying.

The club recognises that child abuse is an emotive and difficult issue. If an allegation or a concern about abuse occurs, those involved will recognise their own feelings and reactions to abuse and will not allow these to interfere with judgements and actions that need to be taken.

THE KEY PRINCIPLES UNDERPINNING THE POLICY ARE:

Children and Young People's welfare is the paramount consideration.

All children and young people have a right to be protected from abuse regardless of their age, gender, disability, ethnicity, religious beliefs or sexual identity.

All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to appropriately.

Working in partnership with children and young people and their parents/carers is essential.

Working in partnership with local social services departments, the police, child protection committees and other relevant education and welfare agencies, who may have a statutory responsibility to ensure the welfare of children and young people is essential.

Any act, statement, conduct or other matter which harms a child or young person, or may pose a risk of harm, constitutes behaviour which is improper and the club will take appropriate to address any concerns.

Everyone involved with Stranraer Football Club must be familiar with the clubs more detailed child protection policy and procedures. Copies are available from the club on request.

Full Policy Details are available to read on this website: stranraerfc.org



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STATEMENT FROM CHAIRMAN – STRANRAER FOOTBALL CLUB

Stranraer Football Club acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of those who engage with the Club, especially children and vulnerable adults. We are committed to protecting children and vulnerable adults from all forms of harm and actively promote the creation of a positive, safe and supportive environment. We recognise that:

- The welfare of the child (up to the age of 18 years) is paramount;
- all children, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse;
- working in partnership with children and their families is essential in promoting and embedding this policy. The purpose of the Club's Safeguarding Policy and procedures is to:
 - promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults;
 - provide staff and volunteers with appropriate training to recognise, identify and respond to safeguarding concerns relating to children and vulnerable adults;
 - ensure that appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents or concerns and that support is provided to those who raise or disclose the concern and it is dealt with confidentially;
 - prevent the employment or engagement of unsuitable individuals by adopting rigorous recruitment and vetting procedures.

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