

Vauxhall Angling Club



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Safeguarding Young People and Adults at Risk Policy

Vauxhall Angling Club Welfare Officer

The appointed Club Welfare Officer (CWO) is Fergal McCrystal, who is appropriately trained to level 3 standard.

Please use the following details to contact the Club Welfare Officer:

- 07947126528
- fergal.mccrystal10@icloud.com

Definitions

- The term 'young people' applies to persons who are under the age of 18 years.
- The term 'adult at risk' applies to someone who is over 18 years and is at risk of abuse or neglect because of their needs for care or support.

Scope

This policy applies to all members of Vauxhall Angling Club, including guests.

Policy Statement

Vauxhall Angling Club is committed to:

1. Providing a safe and supportive environment that promotes the welfare and protection of all individuals who participate in our activities.
2. Preventing the abuse or neglect of any individual participating in our activities by establishing and implementing appropriate policies and procedures.
3. Ensuring that all members of Vauxhall Angling Club are aware of their responsibilities to report any concerns or incidents of abuse or neglect to the

Child Welfare Officer, who is a member of the Club's committee (contact details above)

4. Ensuring that all individuals participating in our activities are aware of their rights and how to report any concerns or incidents of abuse or neglect.

This Safeguarding Young People and Adults at Risk Policy will:

- Offer safeguards to young people, adults at risk and volunteers.
- Help to maintain high standards of professionalism and practice at all levels of the sport.

Our Policy (what we'll do)

We will:

- ✓ Value, listen to and respect young people and adults at risk.
- ✓ Adopt the Angling Trust's safeguarding best practices through policies, procedures, and codes of conduct for all members and volunteers.
- ✓ Ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding by appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to safeguarding concerns involving young people and vulnerable adults confidently and competently.
- ✓ Ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of an incident or concern and provide support for the individual or individuals involved.
- ✓ Ensure confidential, detailed, and accurate records are maintained and securely stored.
- ✓ Prevent the employment or deployment of unsuitable persons by ensuring all necessary checks are robustly carried out.
- ✓ Ensure young people and parents have easy to understand up to date information so that they can know where to go for help or support.
- ✓ Review and adapt policies and procedures as required

Disclosure and Barring Service Checks

This replaced the previous Criminal Records Bureau.

Strict rules apply to DBS checks, which are essentially for people engaged in a '... regulated activity with children and young people'.

Because bailiffs do not fulfil this criterion, they are not eligible for DBS checks.

Further information can be found here: -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disclosure-application-process-forvolunteers/disclosure-application-process-for-volunteers>

Although a DBS check is inapplicable, anyone applying to become a bailiff can be requested to self-declare any previous unspent convictions or provide details of any cautions or convictions within the last ten years. In the event of a bailiff becoming a witness in court, his or her character and background will be scrutinised by both prosecution and defence, so it is important that bailiffs are people of demonstrable good character and integrity. It is therefore helpful for any previous convictions to be made known, in confidence.

Although DBS checks do not apply to bailiffs, Vauxhall Angling Club has clear Safeguarding policies, to protect young people and adults at risk.

Accompanying Adults at Risk

Any members who accompany fellow members who would be considered adults at risk (e.g. those with physical health, mental health or learning difficulties) must be responsible for these member's health and safety for the entirety of your visit to any of our waters.

Responding and Reporting

It's vital that any concerns about the safety of junior members or members who are deemed adults at risk are reported to the club through our Club Welfare Officer to ensure that steps are taken to solve any issues. So, what do you do if you witness an incident that involves bullying, abuse, violence or anything that you find concerning? Or if you are approached by a young person or an adult at risk who confides in you about alleged abuse?

In either instance, doing NOTHING is not an option. It is not your job to investigate the disclosure that has been made or the incident that you have witnessed, but you do have a responsibility to respond and report appropriately. In the event of a young person or adult at risk putting their trust in you, you need to understand how hard it has been for them to tell you and give them confidence that you take it seriously and know what to do next. Concerns raised by a third party also need to be recorded and reported.

Try to:

- Remain calm.
- Listen carefully and don't interrupt.
- Explain early that you can't keep the details to yourself and that others are there to help.

- Allow them to continue at their own pace.
- Don't ask leading questions. Tell me, Explain, Demonstrate. (TED)
- Reassure them they are not to blame, and they have done nothing wrong.
- Try to protect evidence, photos of injuries (if appropriate – seek advice), clothing, etc. and take written notes. Make sure you record date, time and as much detail as you can. Keep it locked away.
- Contact the Club Welfare Officer (details above) at the first opportunity who will record the details in writing on an Angling Trust incident reporting form (appendix 1) and share it with the Angling Trust's Lead Safeguarding Officer.

Do Not:

- Panic, show alarm or shock.
- Ask questions that lead. Just questions for clarification.
- Speculate, make assumptions or judgements.
- Make promises or keep secrets.
- Make comments about the alleged abuser.
- Share it with other people other than officers that can know.
- Delay in reporting it.
- Keep it to yourself.

If you are unable to contact the welfare officer, then contact the Angling Trust Safeguarding lead (email addresses below). If you feel that the person is in immediate danger or in need of medical treatment dial 999.

Angling Trust Safeguarding Officers:

Lead Safeguarding Officer: richard.hadley@anglingtrust.net

Deputy Safeguarding Officer: darren.birch@anglingtrust.net

Competitions Officer: kelly.latimer@anglingtrust.net

Please see the responding and reporting flow chart in appendix 1

Consequences

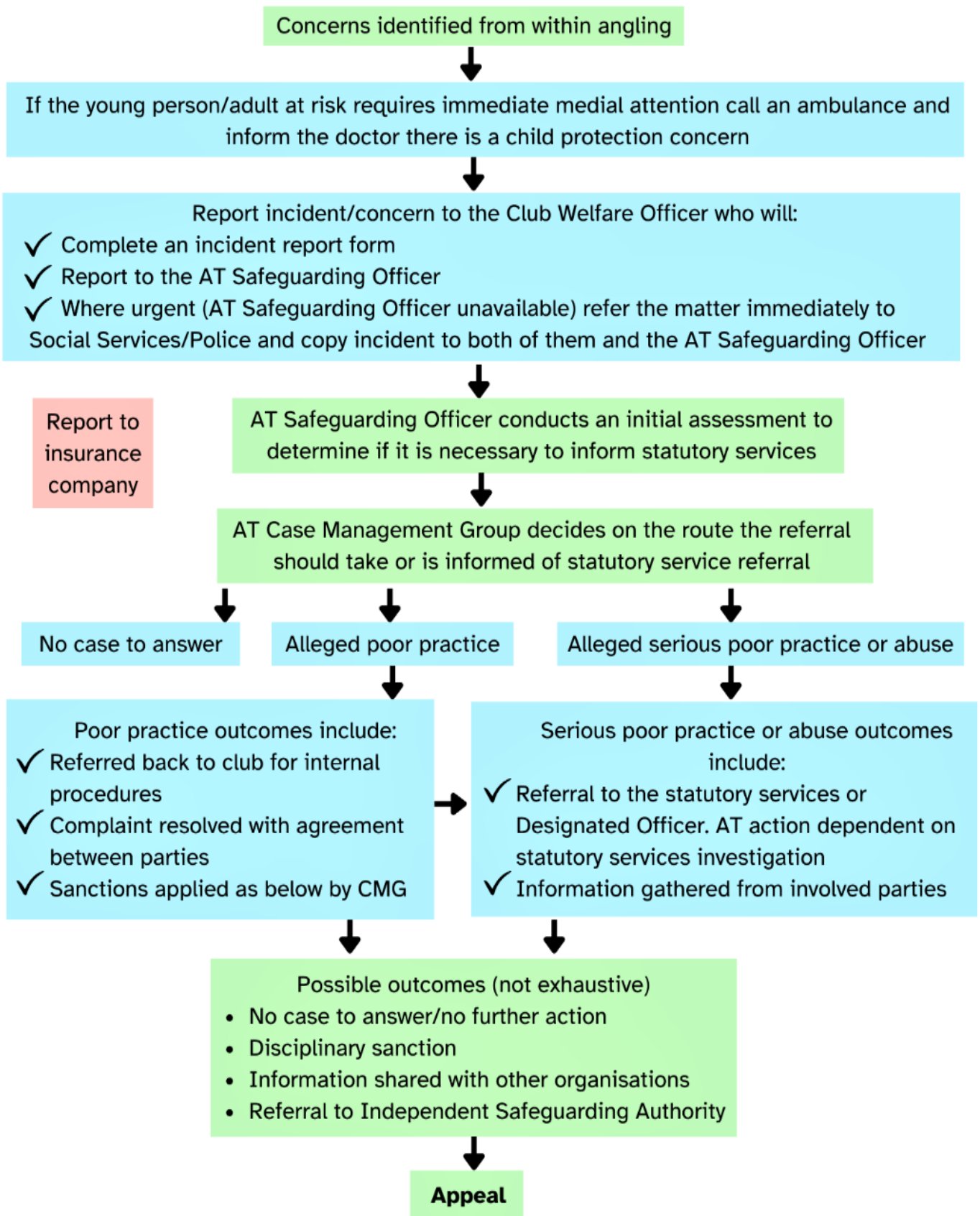
Any member of Vauxhall Angling Club who breaches this policy or fails to comply with our safeguarding procedures will face disciplinary action, which may include exclusion from the Club and/or referral to the relevant authorities.

Signed: Tim Stevens - Chairperson

Print name: Tim Stevens

Date: 18.03.24 – ratified at committee meeting on this date

Appendix 1



Appendix 2

Incident Report Form

Use for reporting of concerns relating to poor practice, bullying, cases of emotional or physical neglect or abuse, or sexual abuse

1. Name of organisation:
Click or tap here to enter text.
2. Your name:
Click or tap here to enter text.
3. Your position:
Click or tap here to enter text.
4. Your contact information:
Address: Click or tap here to enter text.
Telephone number: Click or tap here to enter text.
Email address: Click or tap here to enter text.
5. Name of Person of concern:
Click or tap here to enter text.
6. Is the person under 18? (If no, go to question 12)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No
7. Child's date of birth:
Click or tap here to enter text.
8. Parent/Carer's name(s):
Click or tap here to enter text.
9. Person or Parent/Carer's contact information:
Address: Click or tap here to enter text.
Telephone number: Click or tap here to enter text.
Email address: Click or tap here to enter text.
10. Have parents/carers been notified of this incident:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No
11. If YES, please provide details of what was said:

Click or tap here to enter text.

12. Person's gender:

Click or tap here to enter text.

13. Person's ethnic origin:

Click or tap here to enter text.

14. Are you reporting your own concerns or responding to concerns raised by someone else:

Own concerns

Concerns raised by someone else

15. If responding to concerns raised by someone else, please provide further information:

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Position within club/event: Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone numbers: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email address: Click or tap here to enter text.

16. Date and time of incident:

Click or tap here to enter text.

17. Details of incident or concern: Include all relevant information, such as description on any injuries and whether you are recording this incident as fact, opinion or here say.

Click or tap here to enter text.

18. Child's account of the incident: Complete if this report relates to a child

Click or tap here to enter text.

19. Please provide any witnesses accounts of the incident:

Click or tap here to enter text.

20. Please provide details of any witnesses to the incident:

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Position within club/event: Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email address: Click or tap here to enter text.

21. Please provide any details of any person involved in this incident or alleged to have caused the incident/injury:

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Person within the club or relationship to the child: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of birth: Click or tap here to enter text.

Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

22. Please provide details of action taken to date:

Click or tap here to enter text.

23. Has the incident been reported to any external agencies?

Yes

No

24. If YES, please provide further details:

Name of organisation/agency: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact person: Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone numbers: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Agreed action or advice given: Click or tap here to enter text.

Your signature:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Print name:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Date:	Click or tap here to enter text.		

Contact the Angling Trust's Designated Safeguarding Officer in line with reporting procedures. richard.hadley@anglingtrust.net