

Reporting Structure

for Safeguarding Issues for Clubs (ROI/NI)



Special Olympics
Safeguarding

**A CONCERN HAS BEEN RAISED AROUND THE SAFETY, WELFARE OF A CHILD / YOUNG PERSON
OR
AN ALLEGATION OF ABUSE HAS BEEN DISCLOSED**

YES

IS THE CHILD IN IMMEDIATE DANGER?

NO

CONTACT THE STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Contact your Club **Designated Liaison Person (DLP)**. This is your Club Chairperson. If unavailable, contact **Regional DLP**

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Designated Liaison Person receives a **concern indirectly. Does it meet the threshold for concern?**

YES

NO

Is it Poor Practice or a Code of Conduct Breach?

POOR PRACTICE

Implement your complaints and disciplinary procedures. AND/OR If advice is needed contact the Regional DLP

OR

SUPPORT

Contact the Regional DLP or National Children's Officer

Do you need further advice and support?

Republic of Ireland

1. Call Gardaí, or
2. Find your local Tusla Social Work Office:
www.tusla.ie/children-first/contact-a-social-worker3/

Northern Ireland

1. Call the PSNI, or
2. Contact your local Health and Social Care Trust:

Northern HSCT:	0044 03001234333
South Eastern HSCT:	0044 03001000300
Southern HSCT:	0044 08007837745
Belfast HSCT:	0044 2890 507000
Western HSCT:	0044 2871 314090
(Out of Hours:	0044 2895 04999)

NON-COMPLIANCE

Any non-compliance with this policy will be treated in accordance with legislative / regulatory requirements, the relevant contract and where appropriate, the Special Olympics Ireland Disciplinary Policy.

