

Council of Europe Child Safeguarding in Sport

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Safeguarding Journey.....

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WWW.GYMNASTICSIRELAND.COM

Gymnastics
Ireland
appointment
Nov 2008

GI Governance
& Committees

Club Level?

Develop GI
Policies &
Guidance

Board &
CEO

National & Club
Level
Communication

Safeguarding
Journey

Sport Ireland

Tusla – Child
& Family
Agency

100 Clubs
35000 members

Children's
Officer /
Designated
Liaison
Person &
Club
Committee

Communicate
Educate/Train
Implement Policies
Club Visit
Issues/Old habits/Ethos
Complaints & Discipline
Club Audits
Consistency
Young People/Parents

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Rep. of Ireland Legislation...

- ❖ National Vetting Bureau Acts
2012-2016
- ❖ Children First Act 2015

Implications for
Gymnastics Ireland
& Clubs....?

Legal obligations....

All providers of relevant services to children are required to have a Child Safeguarding Statement in place

Carry out a Risk Assessment

Develop a Child Safeguarding Statement

Children First Act 2015

Mandated Person

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Who needs support/information?

Club Officers

Coaches, Gymnasts & Judges

Parents

National Team Heads of Delegation

National Squads/Teams

Board /Committee Members

Staff

Child Safeguarding Officer Qualities/Skills ?

Knowledgeable

Influencer

Approachable

Good
Listener

Consistent

Determined

Record
Keeper

Understand
Procedures

Confidential

Patient

Good
Communicator



Thank you

Our work is on-going...



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