

SAMPLE POLICY STATEMENT

Responsibilities

All members of the BKA will:

- Accept the moral and legal responsibility to implement procedures to provide a duty of care and safeguard the wellbeing of young people
- Respect and promote the rights, wishes and feelings of young people
- Recruit, train and supervise staff and volunteers to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect young people from abuse, and themselves against false allegations.
- Require staff/volunteers to adopt and abide by the BKA Code of Conduct for Coaches and/or Volunteers and the Child Protection Policy and Procedures.
- Respond to any allegations appropriately and implement the appropriate disciplinary and appeals procedures.

Principles

This guidance given in the procedures is based on the following principles:

- The welfare of young people, (the Children's Act 1989 defines a young person as under 18 years of age) is the primary concern.
- All young people, whatever their age, culture, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuser.
- It is the responsibility of the child protection professionals to determine whether or not abuse has taken place but it is everyone's responsibility to report and concerns.
- All incidents of suspected poor practice and allegations should be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- Confidentiality should be upheld in line with the Data Protection Act 1998, the Human Rights Act 2000, and the Freedom of Information Act.