

## **St Neots Hockey Club**

### **Child Protection Guide Lines For Captains**

#### **Child Protection Policy**

St Neots Hockey Club believes:

- It is important to protect and promote the safety and welfare of children.
- All children have a right to be protected from abuse, whether physical, sexual or emotional.
- The rights, dignity and worth of a child should always be protected.
- That everyone with a role in working with children has a responsibility to safeguard and promote a child's welfare, particularly when it comes to protecting a child from abuse.
- That special care is needed in dealing with children whose age or inexperience makes them particularly vulnerable to abuse.

If any member believes a child may be suffering any form of abuse, please report it to a Club Welfare Officer:

Club Welfare Officer: Julie Lewis 01954 267631

Club Welfare Second Officer: Keiran Williams 01767 650834

#### **Good Practice**

- If a child comes to you and discloses information of concern:
  1. Listen.
  2. Do not promise the child that you will keep any information they give to you a secret – explain that you will have to tell someone.
  3. Tell the child you believe them even if you don't.
  4. Reassure the child what ever has happened it isn't their fault.
  5. Don't ask questions - only clarify information already given.
  6. At the earliest opportunity write a statement of what the child said to you and what you said to the child.
  7. Phone the Club Welfare Officer.
- When travelling to away games, if there is an under 16 in the car, make sure there is more than the driver and child travelling together. This is to protect the driver as much as the child.
- If you have any concerns phone the Club Welfare Officer
- If an allegation is made, do not approach or confront the alleged abuser yourself.
- Maintain confidentiality on a need to know basis only.

If you don't know what to do and need advice or are worried about sharing your concerns with senior colleagues phone

- NSPCC Child Protection Helpline 0808 800 5000
- Childline 0800 1111