

Child Protection Policy

We at DHSOB Youth Section Stonehouse Sharks believe that the prime responsibility of the organisation is to protect the child.

The organisation recognises that all members of staff, play leaders, coaches, workers and workshop leaders including voluntary and community workers, carry a responsibility towards children and their families, particularly with regard to child protection issues.

All staff, volunteers etc will be CRB checked. Where a staff member, volunteer or casual worker has concerns regarding possible, child abuse, they should inform the (DHSOB Youth Section Stonehouse Sharks) child welfare officer. Concerns could be significant and should be passed on

Where a child tells a staff member, volunteer or casual worker about something which has happened, that person has a duty to;

- Allow the child to do the talking
- Listen to the child without asking leading questions
- Record the conversation as soon as possible afterwards in the incident book
- Refer to the Child Welfare Officer
- Share their concerns-the organisation does not expect to handle them alone
- Tell the child what they are going to do

Where concerns need to be referred, one of the following agencies should be contacted following discussions with the club Welfare Officer and, if appropriate the Committee. Information is treated with confidentiality and restricted to those who need to know.

- Social Services
- Health
- Education

- Police

A copy of the Plymouth City Council Child Protection Handbook is available to refer to.

This policy is reviewed annually.