



Child Safeguarding Statement

Newcastle West Town FC believes that concern for the general well-being and welfare of all children and young persons under its care is of paramount importance in developing the young players of the future.

The club recognises the responsibilities and trust that is placed on it by all players and their families.

It will seek to respond to that responsibility by encouraging best practice in Child Protection matters and encourage everyone involved in the club to recognise this.

The protection of the child must be the first priority of all its members.

All Managers/Coaches must know the club's policy and procedures, be encouraged to listen to concerns of players and take their complaints seriously.

All current and potential Managers/Coaches shall consent to be screened as to their suitability to work with children as specified by the FAI Child Protection guidelines.

Newcastle West Town FC will emphasise to all members that they have a duty to report to the Designated Person any concerns they have over the possible abuse of children. This duty also applies to concerns they might have about a colleague.

The Club will provide guidance to anyone who makes a report of suspected abuse and they will be fully supported when voicing these concerns.

Definition of Child Abuse

Neglect: The neglect of a child or the failure to protect a child from any kind of danger including unnecessary exposure to cold and rain.

Physical Abuse: Actual or likely sexual exploitation of a child where a person involves a child in any activity that leads to their own or others sexual gratification. This might involve intercourse, touching, exposure of sexual organs, showing of pornographic material or talking in an erotic way.

Emotional Abuse: Failure to exhibit care and attention, particularly where a child is threatened, taunted or shouted at and as a consequence leads to loss of self-esteem and confidence. Similarly, undermining a child by ignoring effort or progress.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed yearly.

Signed: Thomas St. John (Chairman) Date: February 2022

(On behalf of Newcastle West Town FC)

For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact **Colette Ahern (Children's Officer)**

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