



The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy's Young Exhibitors' Scheme



ROLE OF THE DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD

April 2018

This policy applies to YES Administrators, Mentors, Judges, Stewards, Show Managers, table workers, any anybody working on behalf of the GCCF within YES!

GCCF believes that a candidate or young person, who is participating on the YES! Scheme, should never experience mistreatment of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all candidates and young people and to keep them safe. We are committed to practice in a way that protects them.

The GCCF has a responsibility to ensure that they have a designated person to take lead responsibility for Child Protection. This person should have the status and authority within the GCCF to carry out the duties of the post including committing resources and, where appropriate, supporting and directing other members of the GCCF Board.

The broad areas of responsibility for the designated safeguarding lead are:

Managing referrals

Refer all cases of suspected abuse to the local authority children's social care.

Refer to the local authority designated officer (LADO) for child protection concerns (all cases which concerns YES! Administrators, Mentors, Judges, Stewards, Show Manager, table workers, any anybody working on behalf of the GCCF YES!

Referral (in discussion with the designated Board Member) to Disclosure and Barring Service due to risk/harm to a candidate or young person and/or Police (cases where a crime may have been committed).

Liaise with the designated member of the GCCF Board to inform him or her of issues especially ongoing enquiries under section 47 of the Children Act 1989 and police investigations.

Act as a source of support, advice and expertise to YES! Administrators, Mentors, Judges, Stewards, Show Managers, table workers, any anybody working on behalf of the GCCF within YES! on matters of safety and safeguarding and when deciding whether to make a referral to the appropriate sectors.

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Training

The designated safeguarding lead should:

- Understand the assessment process for providing early help and intervention.
- Ensure each member of YES! has access to and understands the GCCF's Child Protection Policy and Procedures, especially new to the voluntary role.
- Be alert to the specific needs of candidates and young people.
- Be able to keep detailed, accurate, secure written records of concerns and referrals.
- Encourage a culture of listening to children and taking account of their wishes and feelings, amongst all volunteers within YES! in any measures the GCCF may put in place to protect them.

Raising Awareness

- The designated safeguarding lead should ensure GCCF YES! volunteers are known and used appropriately.
- Ensure the GCCF's child protection policy is reviewed annually and the procedures and implementation are updated and reviewed regularly.
- Ensure the child protection policy is available publicly and parents are aware of the fact that referrals about suspected abuse or neglect could be made and the role of the GCCF within this referral.

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