



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



GCCF MANAGING ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE POLICY

April 2018

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

GCCF believes that a candidate or young person who is participating in YES! 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.

Organisational Procedures

Any allegations that a volunteer has behaved in a way that has harmed, or may have harmed, a candidate or young persons involved in YES! must be taken seriously and dealt with sensitively and quickly. Their interests are paramount and their views and wishes must be given careful consideration at all times. They should also receive the appropriate support.

GCCF designated officer for handling allegations

The GCCF has appointed two people to be responsible for dealing with allegations or suspicions of abuse. Everyone in the GCCF, including volunteers, should know who these people are within YES! and how to contact them should the situation arise.

What should the GCCF do once an allegation has been made?

The GCCF should follow up promptly any allegations in respect of volunteers where he/she has:

- Behaved in a way that may/or may not have harmed a child.
- Such volunteer may have possibly committed a criminal offence, which could indicate that the said volunteer is unsuitable to work with children.
- In such incident, this should be reported to the LADO; Children Services or NSPCC whom will give the appropriate advice.

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Record keeping

It is important that the GCCF keep a clear and comprehensive summary of:

- Any allegations made.
- Comprehensive detailed report on how allegations were followed and up resolved with the appropriate authority.
- Any actions taken coupled with the decision reached.
- These details should be held at the Designated Safeguarding Officer in a secure locked cabinet.

Contact details

Designated Safeguarding Officer [DSO]

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We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice **annually**.

This policy was last reviewed on: [date]

Signed:

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