



Billings Rhythmic Gymnastics Club

Safeguarding & Child Protection

Report all complaints or grievances relating to Safeguarding, Child Protection or Welfare issues to the Club Welfare Officer(s) as soon as possible.

Some of these concerns could be about the following:

- the behaviour of an adult towards a child
- the behaviour of a young person towards other children (including bullying by peers)
- risks identified through recruitment processes (e.g. criminal records information)
- information about an individual provided by statutory agencies or another sport, or identified through the press
- allegations of abuse

The Welfare officer(s) will then look into the complaint, in accordance with the NSPCC/ BGA Child Protection Procedures, and make a note of the outcome.

To keep these children safe, information needs to be shared appropriately so that decisions can be made to protect them. However, clear boundaries around information sharing are important to maintain confidentiality where appropriate and to ensure that only those who need the information are made aware of it.

Should the complainant not be satisfied with the response from the Clubs Welfare Officer(s) they can take the complaint to the following:

Sports Contacts

- British Gymnastics Ethics & Welfare department - 0845 1297129 option 6.
County/Regional welfare officer – Jenny Harris. East Midlands – Linda Thompson
National Lead safeguarding officer – Helen Murphy

National Contacts

- NSPCC – helpline number 08088005000 – www.nspcc.org.uk
- ChildLine – helpline number 0800111 – www.childline.org.uk
- NSPCC child protection in sport unit – 01162347278 – www.thecpsu.org.uk

Local Contacts

- Social care – 0300 126 1000 (Out of Hours) 01604 626938.
- Police - 999

Welfare officers for Billings RGC

- Andrea Jeffery (Safeguarding Lead)
- Dawn Wootton
- Sharon Stanton