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The Newcastle Vikings American Football Club considers that protection of young people is of paramount importance, and undertakes to ensure that all volunteers who work with children have been checked under recognised procedures and have received information that will enable them to recognise the signs of a young person in distress and to follow the referral procedure.

2 Responsibilities of volunteers

- Volunteers have a responsibility to protect young people from abuse, mental, physical or sexual, during activities organised by the Newcastle Vikings American Football Club.
- Volunteers must be able to respond appropriately to a young person's disclosure of abuse, ensuring that information they receive is passed directly, without delay to the designated Protection Officer.
- Volunteers are not responsible for judging whether an allegation is true or false.
- Volunteers have a responsibility to report and protect, including reporting any concerns about the behaviour of other volunteers.

3 Referral Procedures

If a young person discloses or expresses concerns regarding abuse of any form, the Coach or volunteer must as soon as possible inform the Protection Officer, who will relay the information to the local Child Protection Unit. Whilst every effort possible will be made to support the young person who alleges abuse, it is not the role of the club to resolve or intervene directly in a case of child protection. No records of any description regarding child protection issues will be made or kept by Newcastle Vikings American Football Club.