



Make It Happen Club SCIO Child Protection Policy

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Introduction

Make It Happen Club SCIO ("MIHC") is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all individuals, especially children, participating in our programs. This guidance document provides information on recognizing cause for concern and the steps to take when concerns arise. Volunteers should always be vigilant and prioritise the safety of young people in every setting, including the digital world. Volunteers should not be 1:1 with a young person and school staff or staff from the facilitating organisation should be present during all workshops and events.

What to Do If You Have a Concern

1. Do Not Ignore It:

- Take all concerns seriously. Do not dismiss signs or suspicions; it is crucial to prioritise the child's safety.

2. Do Not Investigate Independently:

- Make It Happen Club SCIO volunteers and staff should not attempt to investigate concerns independently. Instead, report them to the appropriate authorities and if in school, the schools nominated a child protection officer.

3. Maintain Privacy:

- If a child discloses abuse, ensure privacy and confidentiality. Avoid promising complete confidentiality, but reassure the child that the information will be shared only with those who need to know.

4. Do Not Confront the Alleged Abuser:

- Make It Happen Club SCIO volunteers and staff should never confront the alleged abuser. It is the responsibility of professionals and authorities to investigate such matters.



Next Steps - Reporting

1. Report to Designated Safeguarding Lead:

- Immediately report any concerns or disclosures to the designated safeguarding lead within Make It Happen Club SCIO - Alan Torrance - Trustee

2. Contact Schools' Child Protection Officer:

- Make It Happen Club SCIO volunteers and staff should familiarise themselves with the school's child protection officer and report concerns to them immediately, ensuring collaboration with the educational institution.

3. Online Safety Concerns:

- If concerns involve the digital world, report them to the designated safeguarding lead within Make It Happen Club SCIO - Alan Torrance - Trustee

4. Record Details:

- Record all relevant details, including the child's name, nature of concern, and any statements made by the child. This information should be shared with appropriate authorities.

5. Follow-Up:

- Cooperate fully with any follow-up investigations by child protection professionals, providing additional information as required.

Remember, volunteers and staff should always try to ensure that they are not alone in a one-on-one situation with a young person. Protecting pupils extends beyond the school premises into every aspect of their lives, including the digital world. We have a responsibility to ensure the safety of our young people at all times.

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

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