

# **THE CHILD WELFARE AUDIT - INFORMATION**

The purpose of this, the first national child welfare audit, is to enable all of the Gaelic Games' Associations, GAA, LGFA, Camogie, Rounders and Handball, capture relevant data that shall inform us as to our adherence to child welfare and protection policies and particularly how we fulfil our safeguarding responsibilities at Club level.

The Audit is twofold in that all Clubs through their Club Children's Officer and Counties via their County Children's Officer shall complete separate audits on-line.

Both audits are accessible to complete at <http://www.gaa.ie/the-gaa/child-welfare-and-protection/welfare-audit>

Our preference is that one response is received from Clubs incorporating all child welfare data relevant to the GAA, LGFA and Camogie, as appropriate to each Club.

All County Children's Officers of the GAA, LGFA and Camogie are however required to make an individual response on behalf of their own Association and County as we wish to liaise with these Officers and identify if additional supports are required to enable them fulfil their roles in their respective Associations.

Additional information on the Audit is contained below and queries may be forwarded if necessary to [childwelfareaudit@gaa.ie](mailto:childwelfareaudit@gaa.ie)

**The CLUB Child Welfare Audit should be completed and submitted by the CLUB Children's Officer by 6 July 2017.**

**The COUNTY Child Welfare Audit should be completed and submitted by the COUNTY Children's Officer by 6 July 2017.**

## **How to complete the Club Audit**

- 1 The Club Child Welfare Audit and the County Child Welfare Audit should be completed by 6 July 2017.
- 2 At Club level a Club Children's Officer (or another Club appointee on their behalf) shall complete the Audit on-line.
- 3 A separate audit for County Children's Officer takes place parallel to the Club Audit and is confined to the County Children's Officers of the GAA, LGFA and Camogie
- 4 When completing the Club audit our preference, in keeping with our joint approach to all child welfare matters, is that each Clubs via their Children's Officer(s) would complete and return a One Club Response (joint audit response) on behalf of all Associations within their Club. This will necessitate the Club Children's Officer(s) in each Club liaising with each other in advance of completing the audit so as to collate the relevant information required for the audit.
- 5 When you have read this document and collated the informant necessary to commence the audit please do so before 6 July 2017
- 6 Please click on this link to the Child Welfare Audit (link) and you will be presented with two options.
  - 6.1 Club Child Welfare Audit
  - 6.2 County Child Welfare Audit
- 7 **Club Child Welfare Audit link**
  - 6.1 This link brings you to a list of 32 Counties each one with a link to the audit, e.g. Carlow Child Welfare Audit or Antrim Child Welfare Audit.
  - 6.2 If your club is in Carlow go to that link and commence the completion of that audit
  - 6.3 You cannot proceed from one page to the next page of the audit without completing the questions on the preceding page. This may require a YES/NO answer to questions or a numerical answer e.g. 50

**8 County Child Welfare Audit**

The County Child Welfare Audit option is for County Children's' Officers only to complete.

- 9 GAA, LGFA and Camogie shall provide each County with a list of personnel in their Clubs who have been vetted via their Association under the Garda Central Vetting Unit system up to 29 April 2016. Club Secretaries shall have automatically received a copy of any acceptance letters issue to Club members, who participated in the E-vetting application process that came into being on 1 May 2016.
- 10 Ulster GAA shall issue the above information in respect of all Counties and personnel in Ulster vetted through the previous Garda Central Vetting Unit up to 29 April 2016, under E-vetting under the National Vetting Bureau after 1 May 2016 and for those who were vetted via AccessNI.
- 11 A limited list of members who attended Child Protection in Sport Awareness Workshops is available to us and as it shall also be circulated to Clubs in respect of the members who attended these workshops so as to assist them in responding to the audit questionnaire.
- 12 If, for whatever reason you cannot complete the audit on-line you may choose to download the audit questionnaire and complete it manually. You should then post the completed audit to the Child Welfare Audit, National Children's Office, Croke Park, Jones Road, Dublin 3
- 13 Any queries on the Child Welfare Audit may be forwarded to [childwelfareaudit@gaa.ie](mailto:childwelfareaudit@gaa.ie)