

Responding to reports of non-recent abuse in sport

All organisations who work with children are required to do everything they can to recognise and report abuse in order to keep children, young people and adults safe.

What is non-recent historic abuse?

Non-recent abuse (also known as historic abuse) is an allegation of neglect, physical, sexual or emotional abuse made by or on behalf of someone who is now 18 years or over, relating to an incident which took place when the alleged victim was under 18 years old.

Procedures

All allegations of non-recent abuse should be shared with statutory authorities to obtain advice and guidance. In some circumstances, a referral may have already been made but it is important that any new information is shared.

Where a disclosure is made or where information has come to light, the organisation should follow their own safeguarding policies and procedures which may include launching an internal investigation into the case.

When receiving information about non-recent abuse, staff or volunteers should seek to obtain the following information, if possible:

- Name and contact details of the person making the allegation, taking into account the individuals wishes should you want to remain anonymous
- Name of the individual who the allegation is concerning and any other personal information such as DOB, address, contact information and details of whether the alleged perpetrator is still working with or caring for children
- Name of any children or other victims involved
- Date and time of when the abuse occurred
- Key information about the nature of the non-recent abuse allegation
- Information relating to any other agencies that are involved

Reporting non-recent abuse

It is never too late to report abuse.

Adults often report non-recent abuse to stop the offender abusing other children and may also feel that reporting the abuse provides a sense of closure.

Additional information/Support

- **ChildLine** - 0800 1111 or www.childline.org.uk
- **Government advice** - www.gov.uk/report-child-abuse
- **NSPCC** - www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/signs-symptoms-effects/non-recent-abuse
- **NSPCC Helpline** - (if you are worried about a child) **0808 800 5000**
- **NAPAC** (National Association for People Abused in Childhood) - **0808 801 0331**
- **Victim Support** - 0808 1689 111 or www.victimsupport.org.uk