



INFORMATION ABOUT CHILD PROTECTION FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS

Are you under 18?

Then this leaflet is for **YOU!**

It has been written by the Club's Development Officer, and it's about your safety. Please take a few minutes to read it, and then keep it at home, or with your kit, in case you ever need to refer to it again.

Why?

Because we want you to enjoy being part of Stockport Bramhall Hockey Club and above all we want you to feel safe. This leaflet will give you information on how to keep yourself safe, and what the Club is doing to look after you too.

About Child Protection

Did you know that the Club has a Child Protection Officer?

We have written this person's name and contact details at the end of the leaflet.

The Child Protection Officer's main job is to make sure that you are safe whilst you take part in Club activities. This includes helping to sort things out if you have any problems. They are also there to give you any other help that you need if you are unsure who to ask, such as information about fixtures, training, the rules, etc.

If you have any concerns, or are unhappy about something at the Club, or simply want to get information, then please talk to the Child Protection Officer, this person will always take time to talk to you. Nothing that you talk about will be shared with ordinary Club members, so don't worry that your mates will find out that you didn't know what a penalty corner is.

The Child Protection Officer is a safe person to talk to, and we believe that they can be trusted. We have checked this out with the Authorities. We have a male and female Child Protection Officer and the Club Development Officer to help them, and keep their eye on them.

The Club has also produced some guidance for all members, about our Child Protection Policy. In it we are very clear to members about the behaviour that we expect towards you. If any Club member is treating you in a way that you don't like, please talk to one of the Child Protection Officers about it, they will help to stop it from happening. If you are not able to do this, then please talk to someone – a parent/guardian, Social Services, or the NSPCC. As long as you are being truthful, then there will be no comeback on you for doing this. No-one has the right to mistreat you in any way.



Oh, and don't forget, this also applies to you, so always treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself.

How do I keep myself safe?

There are a lot of things listed in the guidance for members that tell you how to look after yourself, but here are the most important ones;

- Ensure that your Parent/Guardian has completed and returned a registration and consent form, so that we can contact them in an emergency, and get treatment for you if you get injured.
- Make sure that a Parent/Guardian knows the arrangements for the game – where you are playing, what time you will be meeting and returning, and who you are with.
- Always stick with other Young People, help each other out, and look after each other.
- Don't go anywhere on your own with an adult unless they have been given permission by a Parent/Guardian
- Get to know the Child Protection Officers. They are safe, and know a lot about hockey.

Thanks for sticking it out and reading the leaflet.

Enjoy your hockey!

INFORMATION

The Child Protection Officers are:

Julie Gavin, her phone number is 0161 477 1935

Dan Foster, his phone number is 07731 513311

Other useful websites and contacts:-

NSPCC	0808 800 5000	www.thereforme.com	Support and advice for 12-16 yr olds via the website
Childline	0800 1111	www.childline.org.uk	Free helpline for children and young people
Kidscape	0207 730 3300	www.kidscape.org.uk	Support on bullying