

## Statement regarding child protection in Aberdeen Grammar Rugby Club

You will be aware of the recent media coverage of allegations of sexual abuse in football, and the subsequent focus on child protection in the wider sporting sphere.

Aberdeen Grammar Rugby has an active Mini Section that supports around 260 children playing rugby. The success of the Section is down to parents and other volunteers who give their time as coaches and in other roles.

The Club takes our responsibility regarding the issue of child protection very seriously and has a strong record of compliance with the PVG Scheme in Scotland by ensuring everyone acting in a volunteer role has completed the PVG application process. To further support children and volunteers, a Child Protection Policy and a Short Guide for volunteers provide comprehensive information and guidance, including on how to respond to a child protection concern.

The SRU also has a comprehensive range of resources that anyone can access via their website [www.scottishrugby.org](http://www.scottishrugby.org).

To ensure the Club continues to make rugby a safe and fulfilling sport for children and young people, we require that all volunteers complete the PVG process as soon as they embark on their new role. Existing volunteers can assist by directing them to the Club Child Protection Officer who will support them through the process.

As we move through the season Aberdeen Grammar Rugby will continue to offer children and young people the opportunity to develop their rugby skills in a safe and stimulating environment. Should you have any concerns at any time or if you require further advice regarding PVG or child protection and well-being, please do not hesitate to contact the Club Child Protection Officer, Minis Coaching Coordinator or Mini Section Convener who will be happy to assist.

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Yours in rugby,

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