

Child and vulnerable adult protection



We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of individuals by providing vulnerable people, whether children or adults, with appropriate safety and support. This is considered to be critical to our operations. We aim to ensure the creation of safe environments that promote learning and development, while providing protection to children and vulnerable adults from all forms of abuse. Child protection issues include any situation involving children and young people up to the age of 18, whether or not accompanied by adults, unable to protect themselves from harm and exploitation. The term 'vulnerable adult' refers to any person aged 18 or over who is currently unable to safeguard his or her own welfare or properly manage his or her financial affairs and falls within one or more of the following categories:

- a person suffering from an illness or mental disorder
- a person with a disability
- a person in need of care, due to infirmity or the effects of ageing.

In the event that a recognised centre, registered candidate or any relevant third party wishes to report suspected child and/or vulnerable adult abuse, they should follow the appropriate 1st4sport procedure developed in accordance with Safeguarding Children in Education (DfES, 2004) and the Children Act (2004). To find out more about our procedures, please read [1st4sport Allegations of Child/Vulnerable Adult Abuse](#).

Upon receipt of an allegation of child/vulnerable adult protection, we implement a standardised process to ensure they are handled appropriately, risk is assessed and corrective action taken (where required). This information is contained within the *1st4sport Allegations, Appeals and Handling Arrangements*.

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