



CHILD PROTECTION GUIDE FOR PARENTS

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT

YMCA Lurgan has a duty of care for the welfare, safety and protection of young people using our services. We will carry out this duty by following the YMCA's Safeguarding and Child Protection Procedures summarised below.

The full Child Protection Policy is available on request from the office (Tel 028 38321025 or email elizabeth@ymcalurgan.org)



CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURES

- All staff have been subject to appropriate criminal background checks.
- All staff have adopted the YMCA's 'Code of practice' for adults working with young people, which outlines expected and appropriate behaviour towards our young people.
- All staff are required to undertake appropriate child protection training at regular intervals
- All staff are aware of procedures for reporting suspected or disclosed abuse
- All staff are aware of Health & Safety Procedures

CONFIDENTIALITY

- The requirement to protect children ultimately outweighs any duty to confidentiality.
- No guarantee of confidentiality can be given to the child or staff member.
- Failure to disclose relevant information about an alleged crime is an offence in itself.
- Any information provided will only be disclosed where it is in the best interests of the child to do so and on a NEED TO KNOW BASIS.
- All records, information and confidential notes will be kept securely according to best practice data protection guidelines

HOW CAN A PARENT EXPRESS A CONCERN



I have a concern about a child's safety



I can talk to the designated workers for Child Protection
Aoileann Glenn on 028 38321025 or email
Aoileann@ymcalurgan.org

If I'm still concerned I can talk to the Senior Designated Officer,
Michele Taylor (CEO) who can be contacted on 07746587797 or
email michele@ymcalurgan.org

If I'm still concerned I can talk to the Designated Safeguarding
Member of the Management Committee - Ian Thomson who can
be contacted on 028 38321025 or imt7@outlook.com

WHO ELSE CAN I TALK TO?



At any time you can talk to a Gateway Duty Social Worker, PSNI
or NSPCC