



Welfare: Safeguarding children and young people

‘Working together to promote our young athletes enjoyment and safety’

At London Heathside we aim to provide our young athletes with a positive introduction to athletics in a safe and supportive environment. This will best be achieved through co-operation between the coaches, the parents/carers and the young athletes themselves

Remember:

- the welfare of the child or young person is paramount
- all children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin religious beliefs and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse or bullying.
- all suspicions and allegations of abuse , bullying and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately
- all young athletes and adults are expected to show respect for each other and follow the codes of practice they agreed to on joining.

Do you have any Concerns?

- Parents/ carers, young athletes, volunteers please feel free to discuss any concerns you may have with

The Clubs designated Welfare Officer

Ruth Miller 07709622140 r.miller@mdx.ac.uk

Or Head of Junior Athletics: Russell Weston 07971271125

You should take action if :

- *a young athlete is concerned about someone’s behavior towards them*
- *you are concerned about the behavior of someone towards a young person*

In an emergency or if neither of the named officers are available call

- Haringey child protection team 020 8489 4592 (or 020 8489 0000 eve and weekend)
- NSPCC child protection helpline 0800 800 500
- or get advice from England Athletics Welfare officer Jane Fylan jfylan@uka.org.uk or call her on 0121 713 8450.

As an accredited club London Heathside follows the welfare policies and guidance of England athletics

<http://www.englandathletics.org/clubs--community/club-management/welfare---it-is-everyones-responsibility>

For detailed our detailed procedures and codes of practice see http://www.londonheathside.org.uk/young_athletes.htm