

THE NORTH WEST CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP



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CHILD PROTECTION GUIDELINES FOR HOLIDAY LEADERS

If a volunteer helper reports bruising or signs of other injury to a child, which the child's parents or carers have not advised us of, then the holiday leader should

Ask the child how the injury occurred.

If not satisfied with the explanation or if there are other indicators of abuse or if the child cannot communicate then the holiday leader should contact one of the NWCSG child protection officers and then

Discuss with the child's family **unless**:

- i) a family member might be responsible for abusing the child
- ii) someone may be put in danger by the family being informed
- iii) informing the family might interfere with a criminal investigation.

If any of these circumstances apply, discussions with the family should only take place after this has been agreed with the local authority children's social care department. The named person for child protection (or the holiday leader if the named person is not available) can discuss with children's social care department or with the NSPCC Helpline without disclosing the identity of the child/family.

If a volunteer helper reports that a child has made a disclosure of abuse the holiday leader should

Contact one of the NWCSG child protection officers and then if the child's family does not already know about the concern, discuss it with them **unless**:

- i) a family member might be responsible for abusing the child
- ii) someone may be put in danger by the family being informed
- iii) informing the family might interfere with a criminal investigation.

If any of these circumstances apply, discussions with the family should only take place after this has been agreed with the local authority children's social care department. The named person for child protection (or the holiday leader if the named person is not available) can discuss with children's social care department or with the NSPCC Helpline without disclosing the identity of the child/family.

If concerns remain the NWCSG child protection officer should refer the child to the local authority children's social care department and confirm the referral in writing within 48 hours.

If there are no further concerns then no further child protection action is needed.