



Munster Council briefing

21st of November 2014

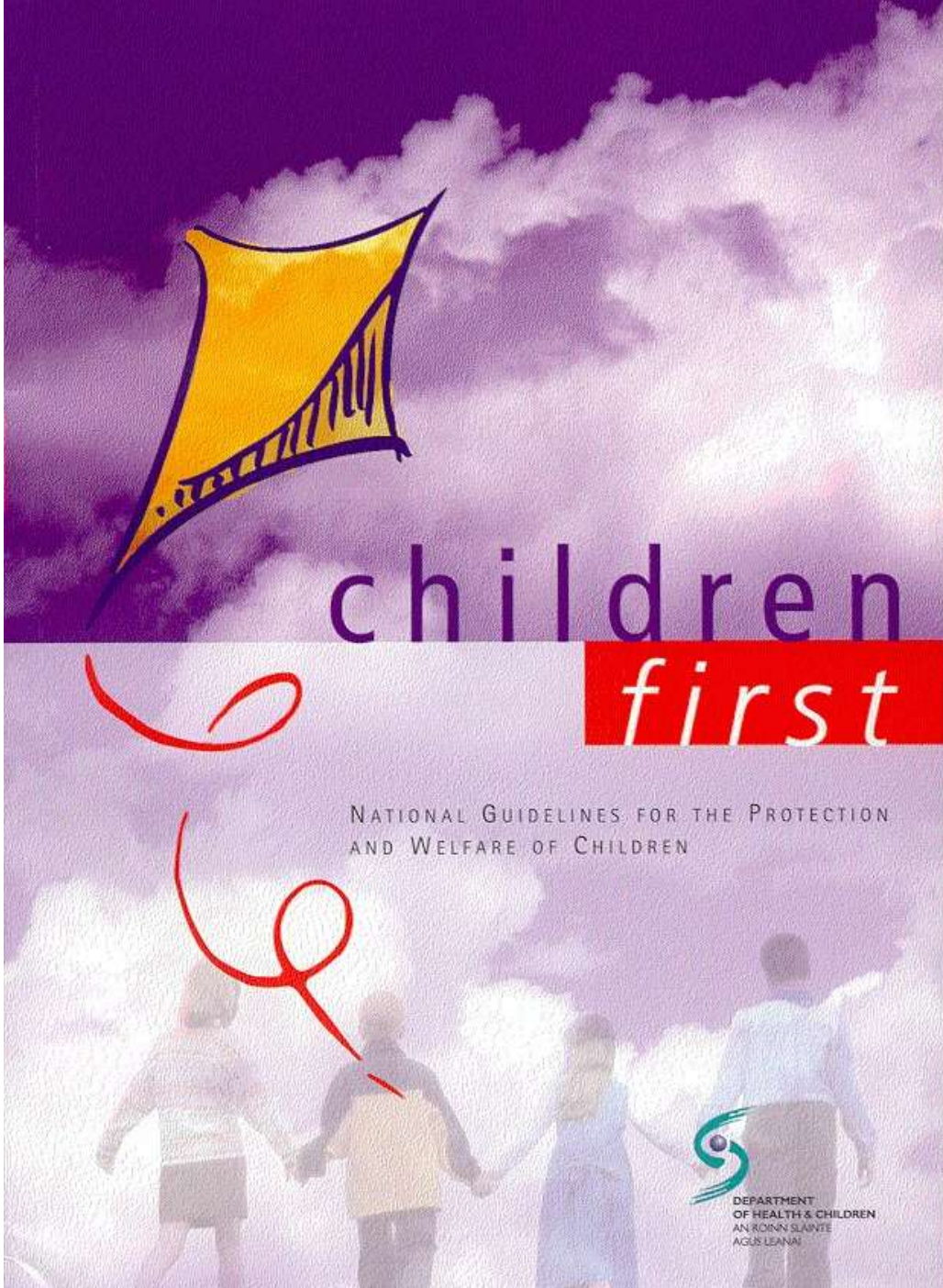
Tonight

1. Code of ethics
2. Reporting concerns
3. Child protection legislation
4. Voice of the child

A child welfare issue is where the safety, security or wellbeing of a child is endangered.

Duty to care

**Act if we
have a
concern**



Who?

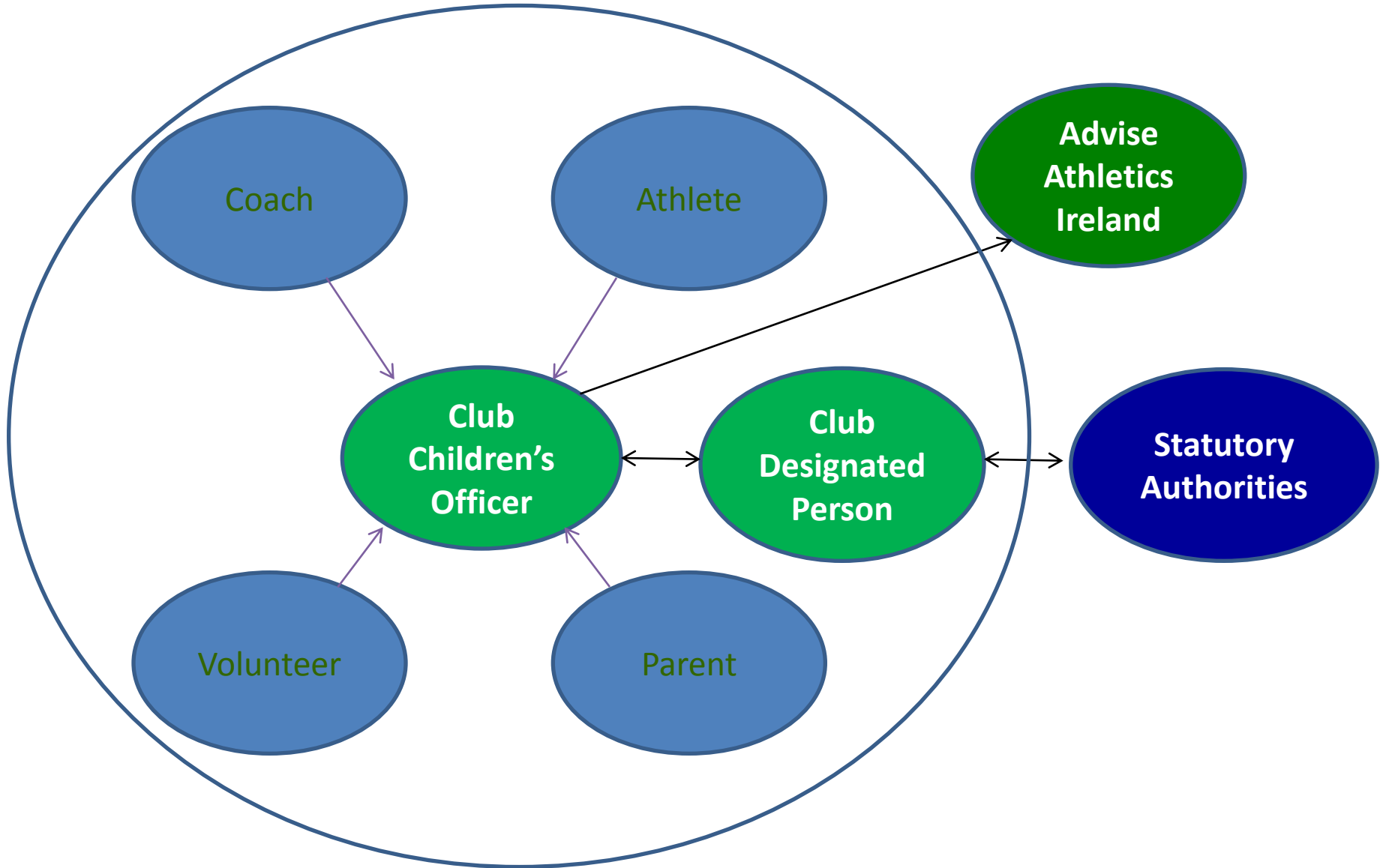
Code of Ethics

1. Constitution
2. Codes of Conduct x 3
3. Dispute resolution process
4. Best practice guidelines
5. Protection & Reporting

CODE OF ETHICS &
GOOD PRACTICE FOR
CHILDREN IN ATHLETICS



Reporting of child safeguarding concerns



Safe recruitment of sports leaders

- Garda Central Vetting Unit
 - Acceptable References
 - Qualifications
1. Codes of Conduct (Coach, Child, Parent)
 2. Child Welfare & Protection workshop
 3. Supervision & buddy coaches

Legislation

- ✓ Criminal Justice (Withholding of Information on Offences against Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012
- ✓ National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012
 - ✓ Mandatory for all who work with children
 - ✓ New applications must be vetted before starting work
 - ✓ Verification of identity
 - ✓ E Vetting

Legislation

- ✓ Children First Bill 2014
 - ✓ Mandated person & assisting
 - ✓ Implement a safeguarding plan
 - ✓ Train volunteers in child protection
 - ✓ Comply with the Children First Guidelines
 - Receiving and reporting concerns about child abuse
 - Preparing and keeping updated, the child safeguarding plan

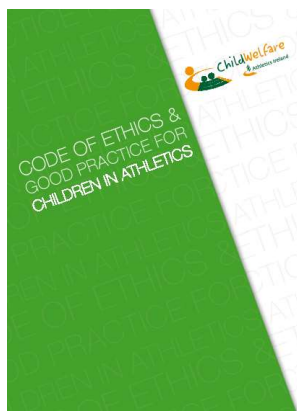
Protections for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act, 1998

Protection from civil liability when:

- ✓ Report in ‘good faith and without malice’
- ✓ To a ‘*designated officer*’ of HSE or the Gardai
- ✓ Protection from penalisation by an employer

**False reporting is an actual offence
and carries a fine or 12 months imprisonment**

Role of Club Children's Officer



- ✓ Voice of the child
- ✓ Provide information and advice
- ✓ Assist in policy implementation