



DISTRICT COUNCILS **Revised January 2011**

Aylesbury Vale, Chiltern, South Bucks and Wycombe

1. Sports, Cultural and Leisure Services

1.1 Sport and Cultural Services designed for children and families – such as libraries, play schemes and play facilities, parks and gardens, sport and leisure centres, events and attractions, museums and arts centres – are directly provided, purchased or grant-aided by Local Authorities, the commercial sector, and by community and voluntary organisations. Many such activities take place in premises managed by authorities or their agents.

1.2. Staff, volunteers and contractors who provide these services will have various degrees of contact with children who use them, and appropriate arrangements need to be in place including:

- Procedures for staff and others to report concerns they may have about children they meet that are in line with 'What To Do If You're Worried A Child Is Being Abused' and BSCB procedures
- Safe recruitment and selection of staff and volunteers
- Appropriate codes of practice for staff, particularly sports coaches, such as those issued by national governing bodies of sport, the Health and Safety Executive, or the Local Authority. Sports organisations can also seek advice on child protection arrangements from the Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) – a partnership between the NSPCC and Sport England
- Procedures to be followed in the event of an allegations being made against a member of staff or volunteer

2. Sport and Leisure

2.1 In addition to their shared responsibility to provide staff with child protection training, sport and leisure services must ensure that managers take responsibility for briefing casual and temporary members of staff of the need to be aware of child protection issues.

2.2 Working practices should be adopted which minimise unobserved contact with children.

2.3 Services must also ensure that any organisations contracting the use of premises have adequate child protection procedures.

3. Libraries

3.1 Library staff have a great deal of informal contact with children and parents using their services, which provides opportunities for recognising those who are experiencing difficulties.

3.2 Through the facility for homework helpers and holiday groups, some library staff have direct unsupervised contact with children and all must be familiar and comply with child protection procedures and safe working practices.

3.3 Because libraries provide opportunities for anonymous access to the internet, staff must be aware and take reasonable precautions to prevent access to pornography or access to chat rooms in which children may be drawn into risky relationships.