



# **C.L.G WATTY GRAHAM, AN GLEANN**

## **DESIGNATED PERSON ROLE**

Watty Graham's shall appoint a Designated Person who on behalf of the Watty Graham's shall be responsible for dealing with any concerns relating to the possible abuse of children. This is a compulsory position in Glen.

Designated Persons must have the ability to approach child welfare and protection matters in a sensible, balanced, facilitative and non-threatening manner and should be aware of the responsibilities that they are required to fulfil on behalf of their Club/County and the GAA.

The person chosen must be fully aware as to how allegations of abuse referred by them are subsequently dealt with by statutory agencies and authorities within their jurisdiction and how reports to the GAA National Designated Person are processed.

It is the County Designated Person who shall in most instances report allegations of abuse to statutory authorities on behalf of Clubs in their County, having discussed such decisions with the relevant Club Designated Person. The reporting of allegations of abuse may also be made by the National Designated Person on behalf of the GAA.

It is important to note that the Designated Person does not have a counselling or therapeutic role or a responsibility for investigating or validating child protection concerns within their Club or County.

Investigations of alleged abuse are carried out by the relevant Statutory Authorities, as outlined in 'Children First' and 'Our Duty to Care' or by specially appointed trained personnel in counselling, psychological and child therapeutic services. Further review and consideration of any allegations of abuse within the GAA structures may be carried out as deemed necessary by the appropriate body or persons in the GAA appointed for such purposes, including the National Child Welfare and Protection Committee.

For further and more detailed information on this role in the Club, consult the Child Welfare section of the GAA website, [www.gaa.ie](http://www.gaa.ie)