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I'm writing to you regarding some important developments on Child Protection and a decision that was taken by the Board of Directors at the meeting on the 19th of August.

Club Survey on Child Protection

We had a much better response to the electronic version of the Survey we sent to our clubs on the compliance with the Code of Ethics and good Practice for Children in Sport.

Out of the clubs who responded there was an average of 54% compliance and we are currently providing individual feedback to the clubs on what they need to do to achieve 100% compliance with the Code.

For the clubs that didn't respond we can only assume that they have a much lower level of compliance, if any.

The Code has been in existence since 1999 and it really isn't good enough that clubs don't have this high up their Agenda's.

At the Board meeting on the 19th August it was decided that it would be Mandatory by March 20011 for Clubs to have the following in place:

The appointment or reappointment of -

- Club Children's Officer – 2 person
- Designated Person – 1 person (One of the CO's acts as the DP)
- One of the above must sit on the executive committee of the club

Child Protection Training –

- Club Children's Officer
- Designated Person
- All Coaches

Club monthly meetings

- Child Protection an item on the Agenda's
- Children's officer attends to report on the subject

Action will be taken against all Clubs who have not achieved the above by the deadline date which is the 31st March 2011.

A letter will be going to all affiliated clubs in October informing them of what they need to do

The Branch

It was also agreed that the Branches need to have the following in place:

Appoint a voluntary Children's Officer as an official post

- Child Protection needs to be an Item on the Branch Agenda's
- All Councillors need to be Vetted and Aware of Child Protection policies
- All Professional Staff Vetted and aware of Child Protection policies

Please consult with the representative from your Branch for further information.

I have been asked by the Board to put together guidelines on the responsibilities of the Branch Children's Officer and I've attached a short document outlining this.

Best wishes

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