

THE ACCESS NI PROCESS 2024

As part of Ulster GAA Safeguarding and Vetting Policies and to comply with current Safeguarding Legislations, all personnel working with children under 18 or vulnerable groups within our counties and clubs must be appropriately vetted prior to commencement of their role.

To ensure compliance with the legislation under The Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults (N.I.) Order 2003, the 2007 Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (NI) Order and The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012, it has been our policy from the 1st April 2008 to ask for the relevant Enhanced Disclosure Application to be carried out by AccessNI. This check will enable Ulster GAA to ensure there is no known reason that should prevent those individuals from working with Children and/or Vulnerable Groups.

To fulfil the GAA Safe Recruitment Policies it is necessary that all personnel working with Children and /or Vulnerable Groups shall be classified as unsupervised and should apply as such. All activity involving a Child and/Vulnerable Group will be deemed as training or coaching regardless of the specific role being undertaken by the individual insofar that they are directly accessible to Children and/or Vulnerable Groups.

The Enhanced Disclosure check will tell us: if you have a criminal record; if your name is included on the Disclosure and Barring Scheme (DBS) list of individuals barred from engaging in regulated activity with children; or if relevant the DBS list of individuals barred from engaging in regulated activity with adults; and any other information held by the authorities that may be relevant to the position applied for.

A copy of your disclosure certificate will be returned directly by AccessNI to you and you will be requested to send this to us if there is information on your certificate. You will hear from us when your certificate has been issued with further instructions. Any information received will be treated confidentially, and recruitment decisions will be made with discretion by Ulster GAA case management team. Should we need to speak to you regarding any information received we will do so without delay.

A copy of your Ulster GAA Acceptance letter will be sent via email to you and copied to your club secretary when your application has been accepted.

In order for us to comply with the relevant legislation we request that you complete the requested information via Foireann <https://www.foireann.ie/> and upload the required ID Documents for verification by your club's children's officer as soon as possible.

If you have any queries on this please contact accessni.ulster@gaa.ie the Safeguarding Manager: Ulster GAA CLG, 8-10 Market Street, Armagh, BT61 7BX, marked confidential.