# Safeguarding for Equestrians Course – Scenarios worksheet

For each scenario consider the following questions in relation to these scenarios.

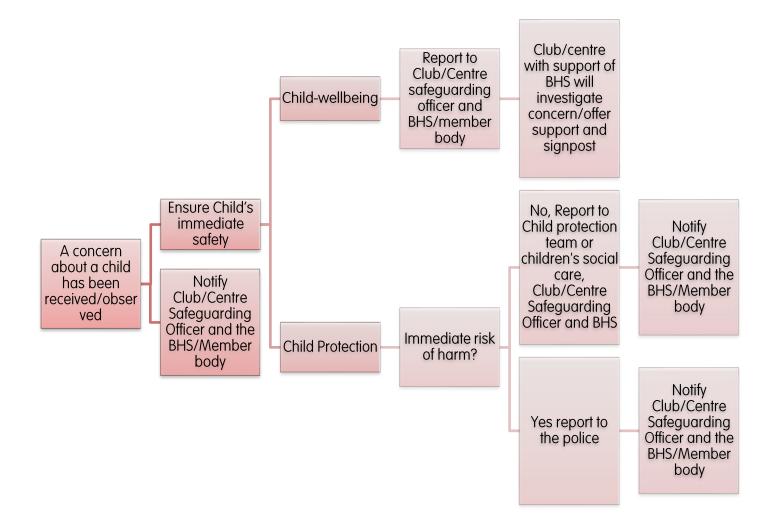
1) What are the main concerns and risks?

2) What action(s) would you take?

Remember making the correct decision is not always straightforward.

The following information will help with each scenario. Please see pages 18 – 21 of the Safeguarding Resource

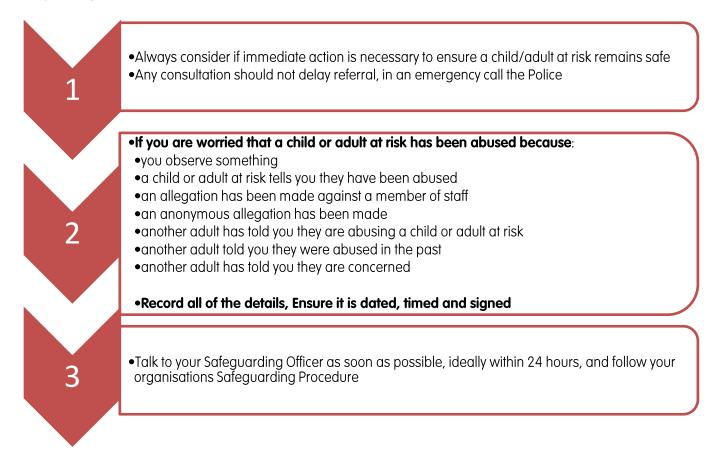
# **Reporting Concerns Process**



The flowchart is to help you decide your next steps; is it something that you can deal with at your centre/club or does it need referring onto the Police, your Local Authority (England, Wales & Northern Ireland only), your Safeguarding Lead Officer, or the BHS.

If you are unsure on whether it is something you can deal with yourself or if it does need referring on, then please get in touch with your Club or Centre Safeguarding Officer or your Member Body Safeguarding Officer or the BEF Safeguarding team. All are here to help you and give further advice and information.

# **Reporting a concern**



# Confidentiality

All safeguarding concerns should be dealt with sensitively and promptly.

Information should only be shared with:

- Police
- Social Care/LADO
- Member Body Safeguarding Officer
- BEF Safeguarding Officer

More advice is available <a href="http://www.bhs.org.uk/safeguarding">http://www.bhs.org.uk/safeguarding</a> Page 2 of 3

Remember: Information should NOT be discussed in open forums. Await further guidance/instructions from one of the above organisations.

### **Barriers to Disclosure**

- The Child's fear of not being believed
- They may not have thought what they experienced was abuse
- They may worry that they will get into trouble

#### In sport it may be because:

- They are worried they won't get selected
- They won't be believed because of the power and influence a coach has on everyone around him/her
- They don't know who or how to tell
- They Fear of the rest of the riders will turn against them
- Adult not actually hearing or seeing attempts by a child to disclose
- Adults own personal values and beliefs
- The accused might be known to them
- Disbelief
- Lack of training
- Not wanting to get involved