

Answer Sheet 2: Betty

What are the risks and presenting facts?

- There are some concerning red flags around a possible grooming situation and/or abuse of position of trust. There may be breaches of the Code of Conduct.
- There may be illegal drinking taking place.

What would you do?

- Find out who the designated safeguarding officer (DSO) is at the show and report the situation. They will be able to safely information gather.
- The DSO will speak to Betty's parent(s) or carer(s) to make them aware and do some information gathering.
- The DSO will also speak to the coach about the accommodation situation and the allegation related to underage drinking. If illegal drinking becomes apparent, there may be a MASH referral. Remember that it is possible at this stage the coach is not aware of the intention to take the alcohol.
- **NB. Remember the law on drinking alcohol under the age of 18. See: [The law on alcohol and under 18s](#) | [Drinkaware](#)**



Consider the risk of harm



Gather the required information (remember the voice of the child)



Address any concerning behaviours



Make the relevant referrals (inform the right people)

Recognise: What warning signs are there here? Know what to look out for.

Respond: Use active listening and open questions. Remain calm and don't share personal opinion.

Report: Consider confidentiality at all times. Pass relevant information to relevant people.

Record: Record the facts, your concerns, and any action taken in writing.