

Garda Vetting

The National Vetting Bureau (Children & Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 - 2016 commenced on 29th April 2016 and from that date a statutory obligation was placed upon the GAA to ensure that all persons who on our behalf undertook 'relevant work' with children has been vetted prior to taking up that role in Ireland.

The term 'relevant work' in the GAA includes any role of responsibility such as coaching, managing or training underage teams or indeed adult teams that contain any player under 18 yrs. of age. It also applies to organising underage activities or refereeing underage games.

What does this all mean for Kevins?

This is more to do with the club and how we protect our young players and also our coaches working with them. Vetting is now governed by legislation and any adult working with children or vulnerable adults must be vetted.

- Anyone who has access to the children **MUST** be vetted **BEFORE** starting to work/coach etc. This includes reffing, summer camp, basically being on the pitch with a role of responsibility when anyone under 18 is there.
- This is a legal requirement
- It is a jailable offence and carries a custodial penalty if it is not adhered to....it is all about the grooming of children
- It is all on line now
- Procedures are all on GAA.ie website or forms can be had from Karen Jordan any Saturday morning or by contacting her on childrensofficer.kevins.dublin@gaa.ie
- **Everyone must be Garda Vetted by January 1st 2017. Anyone vetted between 2016 and 2018 must now update their vetting. It will be a three yearly update from January 2021.**

