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PD51 Sexting – How to Respond to an Incident

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## **An overview for all coaching and non-coaching staff in the club.**

This document provides a brief overview for frontline staff of how to respond to incidents involving 'Sexting'.

**All** such incidents should be reported to the Angling Trust Safeguarding Officer (ATSO) or their Deputy ATSO and managed in line with our safeguarding policies.

### **What is 'sexting'?**

In the latest advice for schools and colleges (UKCCIS, 2016), sexting is defined as **the production and/or sharing of sexual photos and videos of and by young people who are under the age of 18**. It includes nude or nearly nude images and/or sexual acts. It is also referred to as 'youth produced sexual imagery'.

'Sexting' does not include the sharing of sexual photos and videos of under-18 year olds with or by adults. This is a form of child sexual abuse and must be referred to the police.

### **What to do if an incident involving 'sexting' comes to your attention**

**Report it to the ATSO or Deputy ATSO immediately.**

- ✓ **Never** view, download or share the imagery yourself, or ask a child to share or download – **this is illegal.**
- ✓ If you have already viewed the imagery by accident (e.g. if a young person has showed it to you before you could ask them not to), report this to the ATSO.
- ✓ **Do not** delete the imagery or ask the young person to delete it.
- ✓ **Do not** ask the young person(s) who are involved in the incident to disclose information regarding the imagery. This is the responsibility of the ATSO.
- ✓ **Do not** share information about the incident to other members of staff, the young person(s) it involves or their, or other, parents and/or carers.
- ✓ **Do not** say or do anything to blame or shame any young people involved.
- ✓ **Do** explain to them that you need to report it and reassure them that they will receive support and help from the ATSO.

If a 'sexting' incident comes to your attention, report it to your DSO. The club's sexting and safeguarding policies should outline codes of practice to be followed.