



BOSS is committed to providing a welcoming, safe and active environment for all members, and adheres to the recommendations and regulations laid down in Wavepower 2012/15 - the ASA Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures manual.

All our teachers and coaches have undertaken an Enhanced DBS Disclosure, and attend regular Safeguarding Children Training courses, which are underpinned by the recommendations in Wavepower 2012/15. The theme of Wavepower 2012/15 is to safeguard children and young people in line with current legislation and guidance. The responsibility to safeguard children from BOSS in training, competition and related activities lies with all those involved in the sport and is not the sole responsibility of any one person at club, county or national level. Wavepower 2012/15 offers practical guidance for those who are directly involved in working with children and providing awareness of both mandatory requirements and good practice guidance.

Safeguarding children is an integral part of all club activities and we strive to provide a positive and trustworthy environment in which children can learn to swim and develop to a level appropriate for their personal ability.

Full information on **WavePower** can be found on the ASA website, and we recommend that all parents read the Parents guide at <http://www.swimming.org/asa/library/document/wavepower-2009-11-section-6>

All our Club members under 17 years of age should visit the below for a full explanation of the ASA Safeguarding principles- <http://www.swimming.org/asa/library/document/wavepower-2009-11-section-5>

**The Club Welfare Officer for Borough of Southend is *Vanessa McElroy* and any member can contact her at [welfare@boss-southendswimclub.co.uk](mailto:welfare@boss-southendswimclub.co.uk)**

## Swimline

The ASA with the NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children) operates Swimline.

Swimline was launched over 10 year ago and is a confidential free-phone number provided for anyone involved in aquatics, adults or children, who believe that the welfare of someone under the age of 18 is at risk. This concern could be neglect, abuse, bullying or fear of someone or anything that is worrying you and you don't know who to discuss it with.



Call **Swimline** on 0808 100 4001

<http://www.swimming.org/asa/clubs-and-members/swimline>

## ChildPower : Your Voice



**ChildPower** is the place where you as a young swimmer can make your voice heard. You can talk about anything that matters to you: from the support you get from your coach, who you talk to when you're upset, and who helps you when swimming gets challenging or difficult. For more information follow this link:

<http://www.swimming.org/asa/clubs-and-members/under-16s-advice>