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Aberdeenshire Parent Factsheet

Parent Councils and Volunteering Factsheet

Background

Parent Councils are independent of schools and local authorities and are run by parents for parents. The local authority's role is to support Parent Councils/PTAs with funding and training.

Volunteers of Parent Councils/ PTA

Individuals who are members of the Parent Council or PTA are not within the scope of Aberdeenshire Council's Volunteer Procedure and they are not volunteers of Aberdeenshire Council. Aberdeenshire Council cannot undertake such checks for individuals who are not Employees or volunteers of Aberdeenshire Council.

The work that individuals undertake as part of a Parent Council/PTA and whether their role/ the work is legally within the scope of regulated work with children, is a matter for the Parent Council/PTA body to determine. If the role within the Parent Council/PTA is legally identified as being in regulated work, then it is for that body themselves, to obtain the check so that the Parent Council is linked with the individual and Disclosure Scotland know the Parent Council have an "interest" in their record.

Any Parent Council/PTA should directly seek advice from [Disclosure Scotland](#) should they require further clarity on what is deemed to be regulated work with children. Disclosure Scotland can be contacted at dscpliance@disclosurescotland.gsi.gov.uk

It is possible that Parent Councils can obtain checks from Disclosure Scotland for free through Volunteer Scotland. To find out more please use the link below:
<https://www.volunteerscotland.net/>

For Head teachers Only

If individuals are performing volunteering in your school for a club/activity under your responsibility and direction as Head teacher or in a volunteer role within your establishment then the individual does come within the scope of the corporate volunteer procedure and should be [enrolled](#) then placed in the relevant [role](#) within the school setting.