

**RDAl Guidance Document  
Additional Garda Vetting Information**

**TY Students**

Transition Year students **MUST** be aged 15 or over. (Please note that 15-year-olds will not be allowed to lead a horse). All 16-year-olds must complete Garda Vetting through Horse Sport Ireland before starting to help with a group. In order to complete this, they must first have a letter of consent from their parent/guardian, giving permission for them to go through the GV process.

**Carers**

Carers who come from schools/centres and act as side walkers do not need to be Garda Vetted through HSI unless they have also signed up to be a volunteer with RDAI. Please note that it is the responsibility of their employer to include such duties in the employee's job description and to inform their Employers' Liability of same.

**Group Children's Officers**

Group Children's/Welfare Officer must keep a copy of all individual Garda clearance confirmation letters, and a copy of each volunteer's Safeguarding certificate. It is this person's responsibility to remind each group member when their Safeguarding course must be renewed (every three years) and Garda Vetting (every four years).

**Safeguarding Training**

Each volunteer must complete a Safeguarding Level 1 Course within three months of having started with a group. These courses are run through HSI and through Local Sports Partnerships. (Please note that all courses are currently online only).

**Vetting Renewals**

**\*\* It is the responsibility of every volunteer to renew their Garda Vetting every four years. This is a legal requirement. \*\***

**Enquiries**

If you have any questions or need help with this, please contact RDAI National Welfare Officer Mary Walsh:

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