

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN: NATIONAL CONFERENCE

HEADLINE SPEAKER:

Karen Leach, former King's Hospital swimmer abused by swimming coach Derry O'Rourke

Date: Saturday 30th January 2010

Venue: Day's Hotel, Park West, [Dublin](#)

For: Club Children's Officers; Designated Persons; members with roles of responsibility

This is an important day for Club Children's Officers, Designated Persons and those in the Club with any responsibility for young people. We welcome and encourage any Swim Ireland members over 18 to attend.

Karen Leach presents **Please Never Again – the reality behind abuse**. Karen is a former swimmer of King's Hospital abused by coach Derry O'Rourke. Karen's story, and that of several others abused by Irish swimming coaches, is contained in the book *Deep Deception* by journalist Justine McCarthy.

Topics included in the day will be:

Keeping young people safe – the importance of our Guidelines and updates

Internet Information Guide – John Laffan from the Office for Internet Safety on what to watch out for and how to keep your members safe on your Club website

Complaints and Disciplinary process – Larry Fenelon from Leman Solicitors helping us to understand the importance of complaints process and role of the Club

Safeguarding Guidelines – updates and discussion for putting into practice

Time: Registration – 9.30am

Conference times – 10.00am to 3.45pm

Cost: €20/£15 per person, for each paying member another member from the same Club can attend for free** (see note below)

Cost includes tea, coffee and light lunch and [all conference materials](#)

Booking forms available on the website www.swimireland.ie

Return to: National Children's Officer, Swim Ireland, Sport HQ, 13 Joyce Way, Park West, Dublin 12.

**The free member must be a registered member of Swim Ireland in the same Club as the paying member