## Transition support Plan for Junior girls progressing to play with the County Ladies Squad

Regular close liaison between the 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Capt's / CJO. It is felt important to work closely with the County delegates to identify promising juniors for future county involvement

- 1. Identify Juniors with the ability to play for the Ladies squad.
- 2. Look at support or guidance each Junior may require.
- 3. Consider a mentor / buddy system so that an established squad player can provide some guidance to the new player
- 4. Remember what it is like to be new in a group and how to engage new members.
- 5. Away matches or match week can feel daunting for a new younger player, be aware. Someone needs to take responsibility for the younger members when away from home.
- 6. Regularly review the support provided with both the CJO/ Team Captain and subject player.
- 7. Acknowledge that U18's <u>may</u> feel a little lost / isolated within the ladies squad .They can lack social confidence and experience
- 8. When youngsters progress to the ladies' squad look at expectations, both from the junior and the ladies position.

## Communication

Progressing juniors need to start to take responsibility for, contacting / replying to CJO / Captains as required.

An agreed line of communication is needed, correct email / text / tele numbers.

Who is the first point of contact?

Time limits required for responses.

Do older juniors require copy letters to their parents?

Perhaps a group session each season with the juniors to discuss how the involvement with the ladies' teams has (a) Felt (b) benefited them.

Remembers U18's need a medical form /parent / carer consent for emergency treatments