

Safeguarding News

ECB Safeguarding Team Updates



July 2023

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Welcome to the July update from the ECB Safeguarding Team

We have produced this update to keep you informed on a range of topics and provide further best practice guidance to the game. By way of an update, we are currently progressing several projects away from our normal business. This in some part may affect you in your roles across the game in the future.

We are currently working to:

- Pilot a Talent Pathway Safeguarding Course
- Update Safe Hands Guidance and release to the game
- Support with The Hundred delivery including Event Safeguarding Officers
- Pilot our low level concerns interim solution and deliver to the rest of the cricket network.



We would like to thank you on behalf of the team for your continued support at this busy time in the season. We continue to be on hand to support you as and when required.

Low Level Concerns

The ECB Safeguarding Team and Anti-Discrimination Unit are working closely together to provide an interim solution for the recording of low level concerns. Legal advice has been sought and we are now able to move to a pilot phase. This pilot will involve nine counties in the Midlands area, who will be asked to upload their low level concerns data from 2022/2023. Over the course of the pilot, we will test the following:

- Is the technological solution fit for purpose, allowing us to see a game wide view of low level concerns from initial referral all the way through to closure of the case?
- Has communication and training, including how the ECB deliver and provide ongoing support to counties throughout the length of the pilot, been appropriate?
- Is the triage process, including the recording of decisions and escalation where appropriate, fit for purpose?
- Does the creation of reports highlighting risk allow counties/ECB to identify where proactive safeguarding is required?

The pilot phase is expected to last around four weeks. Following this, further communication will be sent out to you all with an update regarding the outcome of the pilot and plans to roll out the system to the rest of the network.

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Victoria Wiegleb – Safeguarding Manager, Network and Governance



We'd like to announce that Victoria Wiegleb has been appointed as the Safeguarding Manager for the Proactive Team. She will start in that role on Monday 3rd July.

Victoria has worked with many of you to drive compliance and support good practice across the network in her role as County Safeguarding Advisor (CSA) for the ECB. Before joining the ECB, Victoria was Designated Safeguarding Lead for Table Tennis England.

Victoria's role will be to manage the team of CSA's in providing consistent support across the network.

The ECB will shortly be recruiting for 1x full time CSA and 1x 12-month contract, full time (maternity) role CSA. For more information or an informal discussion please contact Victoria on 07795 921495.

Alistair Suddery - Post Investigation Case Officer

We'd also like to belatedly introduce you all to Alistair Suddery who joined the ECB Safeguarding Team last summer as Post Investigation Case Officer.

Alistair brings over 19 years of experience within child abuse investigation and safeguarding in education. Alistair's role is to work alongside County Safeguarding Officers to implement and monitor safeguarding panel decisions at club level, to enable individuals to be involved in cricket while ensuring the potential risk to children and adults in cricket is managed effectively.

Fun fact: Ex semi-professional footballer and black belt in Tae Kwon-Do...but nowadays creaks when he walks. 😊



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ECB Schools Community Project

Board Safeguarding Leads attending the ECB Safeguarding Conference this year had the opportunity to watch, listen and ask questions about a Schools Community Project involving pupils and staff from Broadway Academy and Radley College.

We found the use of video particularly powerful when speaking with children and especially using this medium for 'Listening to Children' and/or 'Voice of the Child'.

A short time later, John Sparks from Radley College was kind enough to take part in a short webinar to discuss the project with County Safeguarding Officers. Feedback from the webinar was incredibly positive with comments including 'the most worthwhile session I have listened to', 'an inspiring project' and 'we want to do the same in our area'.

The webinar was recorded and is now available to access along with a planning document and a selection of inspiring videos featuring the pupils. Please feel free to share these resources across your network to help promote ideas about how you could implement a similar project, no matter what the scale.

To access the webinar recording, videos and planning document [CLICK HERE](#).

Event Safeguarding Documents

We are pleased to share with you a set of templates to support you with your match day safeguarding provision. These include:

- Event Safeguarding Plan
- Event Safeguarding Report
- Job description for an Event Safeguarding Advisor
- Missing children or adults at risk protocol
- Safeguarding scenarios
- Steward briefing considerations
- Example of a safeguarding poster



Please feel free to download and insert your county branding to the documents.

All the above templates are saved in the CSO SharePoint site [Safeguarding Templates](#)

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Safer Culture, Safer Sport

ann craft trust

Our very own Victoria Wiegleb recently took part in a podcast for the Ann Craft Trust talking about her University of Worcester course in leading culture change in safeguarding.

[Have a listen here....](#)

As a result of this podcast, the ACT have asked Victoria to be part of the #SaferCultureSaferSport seminar this year.

Safeguarding Deaf and Disabled Children

In April 2023 the CPSU updated their guidance in relation to safeguarding deaf and disabled children. They discuss what disability really means, how to create a supportive environment, practical safeguarding tips and share some useful resources.

For more information [click here](#)



Anti-Discrimination Unit (ADU)

With the publication of the ICEC report into equity in cricket, we are aware of interest and levels of concerns shared across the game. As a team we are supporting the ADU in delivering a consistent reporting process.

Where a county is made aware or deals with a discrimination concern, please share that with us [HERE](#)

Contact the ECB Safeguarding Team
safeguarding@ecb.co.uk

ECB Safeguarding Referral Form
<https://www.ecb.co.uk/about/policies/safeguarding/share-a-concern>