

Winding down for the summer break, this Newsletter will update you on our actions, activities and achievements in the last quarter. Read on to find out about some important changes to practices which will give Club Safeguarding Officers a more central role in ensuring that adequate safeguarding measures are in place in their clubs.

Frances Bogie, Lead Child Protection Officer

EN continues to hold Gold Standard

Spring saw the Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU), carrying out a Safeguarding Standards review, on behalf of Sport England. CPSU are funded by Sport England to advise sports on carrying out their safeguarding and protecting children duties, and to assess us to see that we are embedding the principles in our practices.

England Netball passed the Advanced Standard in 2011, and Sport England tasked CPSU with devising and conducting on-going assessments. EN is on the Working Group which has developed the methods of post standards assessment. We had our own assessment in March – and not only did we pass, but the CPSU complimented EN on our commitment at all levels, as well as our good practices in this area. With continued improvement in mind, one area we identified for more development was ‘how we could *measure* the impact our

communications are having in the clubs’, ie *do children and parents know who their Club Safeguarding Officer is? Do they know where and how to report any concerns?*

We Value Your Views

In consultation with the Youth Advisory Group, EN is developing a *Safeguarding Communications Strategy*. The purpose of this is to: a) identify which messages should be sent out, and b) what the ideal channels of communication are for doing this. We would very much like to hear any ideas from *you*. In addition, please tell us *your* views on how you think we can measure what safeguarding information is out there in your clubs, and how we can increase this where necessary.

Drop us an email at:
besafe@englandnetball.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you

Cyberbullying



The increasing incidence of cyberbullying has been in the news recently. EN has a Good Practice Guide: ‘*Electronic Communication with Young People and Social Media*’ which gives helpful and practical guidance on appropriate use of these forms of communication.

(Please click this link to view: http://www.englandnetball.co.uk/make-the-game/safeguarding/Best_Practice_For_Clubs)

We have also made it an explicit Disciplinary Offence for members to breach this Guidance. Clubs should think about how to promote this Guidance to their members and help guard against any potential complaints by encouraging responsible and respectful posts, Tweets, bbms and all the other ways we communicate now.

21st June was ‘*Stop Cyberbullying Day*’ and to coincide with this event, the Cybersmile Foundation has produced a ‘*Stop Cyberbullying*’ information pack which includes exercises for school children to help those experiencing cyberbullying and to raise awareness of the emotional harm caused by this type of abuse.

Source: Cybersmile Foundation 21 June 2013

Further information: [Information pack \(PDF\)](#)

Criminal Record Checks

DBS – the new CRB

All the new *Protection of Freedoms Act 2010* provisions are now in place and the *EN Guidance and Procedures* have been accordingly updated, and are available to view on our website at:

http://www.englandnetball.co.uk/make-the-game/safeguarding/DBS_Checking

In summary, the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) is now known as the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and there is now a “single disclosure” process

– which means that no one other than the Applicant gets a copy of the certificate. This has meant we have had to change our procedures to continue to ensure that we are doing our utmost to ensure that only appropriate DBS checked people are acting in important roles in EN clubs.

CSO Significance

To do this we are giving CSOs a much more significant role in the process and ensuring that they,

and Club Chairs, will be kept fully informed on DBS checks which have been requested for individuals in their clubs.

CSOs and Club Chairs will need to familiarise themselves with the DBS Guidance, so that they know who in their club should have an Enhanced or a Barred List check.

As the new checks don't include old or irrelevant convictions, there should be fewer positive disclosures.

Changes

- The time in which a person can carry out their role before they apply for a DBS check has been reduced from 8 weeks to 4 weeks.
- During that 4 week period they must be supervised at all times.

Change Process

- When a DBS check produces a disclosure, notification is shown on-line.
- We will write to the Applicant enclosing an SAE, requesting they post us their original DBS certificate within 14 days, (copies will not be accepted).
- We will copy this letter, subsequent clearance letter, and any further chasing letters to the CSO and the Chair.
- If we do not receive the Applicant's DBS certificate, a Temporary Suspension Order will be issued, a copy of which will be sent to the CSO and Chair.
- The Applicant may not carry out their role until they have provided the certificate and been cleared by EN.

Calling all Club Safeguarding Officers!

Is your Club going for CAPS accreditation/reaccreditation? If so, please email us at:

besafe@englandnetball.co.uk to let us know if you have attended *Safeguarding & Protecting Children (SPC1)*, and Time To Listen training within the last 3 years.

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Safeguarding
is everyone's responsibility
Should you have any queries/concerns please email:
besafe@englandnetball.co.uk

Or call
Safeguarding Coordinator
01462 428319

If you can't get hold of someone at England Netball, report your concern to the police or children's social care immediately and then contact us at your earliest opportunity.

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ChildLine
0800 1111

NSPCC HELPLINE
0808 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk

And finally, please remember that although Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility, it is not your duty to investigate a child protection concern, but it is your responsibility to report a concern. If you cannot get hold of someone at England Netball, please contact the police or children's social care immediately.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to safeguarding our young netballers, which helps them to have fun and enjoy the game