

Safeguarding Bulletin

October 2023

This Month's Focus

Our October Bulletin focuses on keeping children safe in sport. We are proud to be supporting "Keep Your Child Safe in Sport" week from 2nd – 6th October. The CPSU has lots of resources and information on their website, that cover a wide range of topics [NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit | CPSU \(thecpsu.org.uk\)](https://thecpsu.org.uk/nsppc-child-protection-in-sport-unit) During this awareness week keep an eye out on our social media pages for more information and useful links or resources!

Safeguarding Advice for Parents & Carers of Child Bowlers (U18)

Everyone has the right to have fun and be safe and free from harm when participating in sport and physical activity. Parents or carers should be able to check how well a bowls club is run, for the sake of their child's safety and their peace of mind. Bowls clubs have responsibilities to ensure that their coaches and other staff are safe to work with children. Clubs should be able to provide confirmation that staff and volunteers are suitable and have undergone the right checks. All organisations providing sports for children should welcome questions about how they will keep children safe. Parents/carers should ask to see:

- The club Safeguarding Policy
- The name and contact details of their Safeguarding Officer (may be called a Welfare Officer)
- The Code of Conduct for members – does this include sections for parents/carers and U18 bowlers?
- Consent forms for Parents/Carers regarding filming / photography, travel, medical issues
- Emergency contact form for them to complete
- Expectations regarding supervision of U18s
- Drop-off and collection arrangements (if not needed for supervision)

Do you know who to contact?

Lead Safeguarding Contacts:

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Is there a topic you would like to see covered on the bulletin? We would love your feedback! Please contact Helen Price.

Useful Links for Training, Resources and Information

Coach Bowls Training [Our Courses | Coach Bowls](#)

Safeguarding Resources and Policies

[Resources - Bowls Development Alliance](#)

CPSU Information for Parents [Parents' hub for keeping children safe in sport | CPSU \(thecpsu.org.uk\)](#)

Awareness Days

October 10th World Mental Health Day [World Mental Health Day | Mental Health Foundation](#)

October 8th National Hate Crime Awareness [National Hate Crime Awareness Week - Nationalhcaaw](#)