



## Safeguarding Special Interest Group Meeting – 17 October 2019 Developments in the field – Update from Community Leisure UK

### Updates from the Ann Craft Trust

- Safeguarding adults week is 18-24th November. Check out the info on the Act site and sign up for more info <https://www.anncrafttrust.org/get-ready-for-national-safeguarding-adults-week-2019/>
  - Sport has the Saturday and Sunday dedicated to it but there will be relevant info all week to share with members. This is a good chance to remind people of safeguarding adults - leaflets/ policies etc.
  - An online safeguarding adults in sport training course has been developed by Act and UK Coaching. This will be launched in national safeguarding week. It is available to all, cost is £14, and will give anyone a basic foundation in safeguarding adults.
- The Act seminar will be on the Thursday of that week in Birmingham, always a good day with updates from safeguarding experts on hot topics.
  - ACT Annual Conference 2019: Spotlight on Safeguarding Adults on November 21<sup>st</sup>. See: <https://www.anncrafttrust.org/events/act-seminar-agm-2019/>
- Act has been working with a consortium of organisations on safeguarding adults and children resources funded by the Lottery. These were launched early October and include a safeguarding adults checklist for organisations.
  - NCVO's Know How Resource Bank on Safeguarding: <https://knowhow.ncvo.org.uk/safeguarding>
- For a resources and a free short film on safeguarding adults in sport have a look at the Club Matters site: <https://www.sportenglandclubmatters.com/club-planning/governance/policies-procedures/child-protection/>
- To get all the latest news from Act follow us on Twitter, see the sport page and sign up to our monthly safeguarding update <https://www.anncrafttrust.org/safeguarding-adults-sport-activity/>
- Any questions from members please encourage them to email us via the contact button on the website or give us a call on 0115 9515400.

### Updates from Ieuan Watkins, Safeguarding Adults in Sport Manager – Wales

- We are now in contact with Ieuan Watkins who is the Safeguarding Adults in Sport Manager – Wales of the Ann Craft Trust. Though Ieuan will leave in January, he is committed to supporting organisations to update and develop their safeguarding adults policy. He is willing to give bespoke training sessions for Welsh trusts on an individual basis as well as part of one of our meetings. He is also available if your safeguarding manager would like support with reviewing your policies.
- Encourage organisations, specifically NGBs in Wales, to develop their own Adults at Risk Policy. He pointed toward the Ann Craft Trust 'Home Nations' Template which is designed to be easy to use and edited to suit your own organisation. Within it is the legislation for England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland – you may wish to include all, to include just Wales and England or just Wales – entirely up to you.
  - You will find the template here: <https://www.anncrafttrust.org/resources/safeguarding-adults-policy-procedures-templates/>
  - Can share completed and signed off Bowls Wales Adults at Risk Policy as example if members are interested

## Other updates

- The publication of Sport England's transgender inclusion guidance has been delayed due to the Brexit. Sport England has been informed that the Government will not release their GRA recommendations until Brexit, hence Sport England has decided to wait with the release of the guidance. A statement from Sport England can be found here: <https://www.sportengland.org/transinclusion/>
- Over the past few months I have received the same query twice which I thought might be helpful to share this with you as well.
  - Query from the regional networks: I'm hoping to get some advice about policies, which allow or prohibit registered sex offenders to visit your facilities. I've been contacted by the police asking for our policy and to my knowledge there is not one in place (I assume this is because this has not happened before). Does anyone have a policy they can share?
  - Query from a member: We have been contacted by the police regarding the possibility of someone on the sexual offenders register using our facilities. Obviously we could already have people using our facilities who are on the register but are unknown to us. We haven't decided yet as to what we might do but I wondered if you know of any trusts that have a zero entry policy in respect to people on the register? The police did ask if we had a policy in place or not?
  - Response from Child Protection in Sport Unit
    - All facilities should have in place policies and procedures to investigate, assess and then manage any safeguarding concerns that may arise. The incident below is certainly one of those.
    - Basically it is someone's role (presumably the safeguarding lead at the centre, if not the police) to establish the nature and extent of any risk this individual may pose, to whom and in what sort of circumstances. I'd suggest going back to the police to ask on what basis they have passed on this information – eg is it simply to be aware of, is it because they consider the person to be a high risk (and if so to whom) and if they are expecting a particular response from the centre – such as exclusion, etc? It may be that the person is subject to a court order precluding him/her from certain activities or venues (eg schools or leisure centres) – the police should know this.
    - While CPSU isn't funded to provide services to the leisure sector if you want to ask your link to email us at: [cpsu@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:cpsu@nspcc.org.uk) one of our duty officers will provide at least outline support/advice.
  - Responses from members:
    - Member trust one: We make a decision on a case to case basis where our evaluation has to be proportionate and defensible (we document our decision so that we can defend must anyone ask or must the individual in question challenge our decision). We support an individual's rehabilitation back into society but we have to balance this with safeguarding children and other vulnerable groups. We make a risk assessment of each situation that is reported to us, based on information we request from relevant external parties (such as the police). In some cases, we deny all access to our facilities as we cannot monitor an individual's every move. In other cases, we have made the decision to restrict the use of our facilities to certain times/days so as it not to coincide with activities of at-risk groups.
    - Member trust two: We would contact the police to confirm the situation of said individual and our stance is even if it is a spent conviction and no longer on the register we would not allow admittance. We would ( if we had an address which we confirmed with the police) we would send a letter confirming ban and also a copy to police and probation office if this was relevant . If this person holds a membership we would also put a

note on the membership that this person is not allowed into the venue and our staff would know to referee this person to either of the safeguarding officers as no details are available nor should it be.

- Earlier this week, the Government announced a new £2 million fund to help organisations at the frontline of tackling loneliness across the country. This comes as the Government recognises one year has passed since they launched their loneliness strategy. This may be relevant to members of the SIG Safeguarding given that members of the public may come in to your facilities not to actual participate in any of your activities, but to just have a cup of tea and someone to talk to. For more information, see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-fund-for-frontline-organisations-tackling-loneliness>
  - Please also see the Government's collection of work and announcements regarding loneliness, here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/governments-work-on-tackling-loneliness>