

Safeguarding In Sport – Safeguarding update

Following recent disclosures by Andy Woodward, Steve Walters and Paul Stewart about the abuse they suffered as young footballers, the importance of effective policies and procedures has once again being brought into sharp focus. We have to remember that the abuse of children by adults they trust can occur in any context.

FA captains' video raises awareness

Captains of three England football teams have taken part in a film about how to keep children safe in the sport. The video for the NSPCC and the FA explains how parents and children can raise concerns they may have about adults working in football.

You can see the video here:

[Football sex abuse: England captains make child safety film](#)

NSPCC Football Helpline 0800 023 2642

The NSPCC has launched a dedicated football hotline for victims of abuse, supported by the FA. The free helpline will be available 24 hours a day on **0800 023 2642**.

NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit

The NSPCC have dedicated resources for safeguarding children in sport. More details can be found here:

<https://thecpsu.org.uk/>

Sport-specific Safeguarding Resources

Sport is a terrific way for young people to develop their physical skills, team work and confidence. Thousands of people give up their time to coach and encourage youngsters, but occasionally incidents of grooming and abuse occur. Ensuring that children in sport are as safe as possible is much more rigorous than ever before.

Some useful websites below:

Webinar – Understanding grooming of children and young people in Sport

<https://thecpsu.org.uk/news/2015/may/understanding-grooming-for-abuse/>

Safeguarding in Athletics

www.britishathletics.org.uk/governance/welfare-and-safeguarding/guidance-documents-and-policy/

Safeguarding In Cricket

www.ecb.co.uk/safeguarding/safeguarding-resources

Safeguarding in Football

www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding

Safeguarding in Gymnastics

www.british-gymnastics.org/coaching/coach-membership/safeguarding

Safeguarding in Netball

www.englandnetball.co.uk/governance/safeguarding/

Safeguarding in Rugby

www.englandrugby.com/governance/safeguarding/

Safeguarding in Swimming

www.swimming.org/asa/clubs-and-members/safeguarding-children/Wavepower/647/

Safeguarding in Tennis

www.lta.org.uk/globalassets/about-lta/safeguarding/whats-the-score---safe-and-inclusive-tennis.pdf
