

# Sport England funded partners working to support safeguarding provision in sport and physical activity

This document summarises the role of Sport England's funded partners, and their responsibilities towards everyone achieving the ambitions set out *'Uniting the Movement'* particularly in relation to welfare and safeguarding.

These partners are (with links to their web sites):

- [NSPCC - Child Protection in Sport Unit \(CPSU\)](#)
- [Ann Craft Trust](#)
- [NWG Network](#)
- [LimeCulture](#)
- [Sport Resolutions](#)
- [UK Coaching](#)
- [Chartered Institute for Sport and Physical Activity \(CIMSPA\)](#)



**Background to our work:** It is fundamental to our vision for sport and physical activity that everyone involved can do so in a safe, secure and effectively led way. To achieve this vision, we will work with our partners to ensure good governance, safeguarding, integrity and inclusion is embedded in everything we do.

**Role:** As part of our governance, safeguarding and integrity commitment set out in our Strategy implementation plan, we have a series of work packages which will help us and the organisations we work with achieve this vision. This work will involve working alongside and, in some cases, provide specific funding to each of the partners highlighted in this document.

## **Examples of focus areas (not an exhaustive list):**

- Safeguarding Case Management Programme in partnership with Sport Resolutions and LimeCulture.
- Workforce Governance and Coach Registration Scheme in partnership with CIMPSA.
- Funding a national network of Sport Welfare Officers in partnership with Active Partnerships and National Governing Bodies.
- Promoting the Safeguarding Code in Martial Arts in partnership with the NWG Network.
- Ensuring funded organisations meet and maintain safeguarding standards and requirements for both children and young people and adults, working with the Child Protection in Sport Unit and Ann Craft Trust.
- Working with DCMS, UK Sport and the other Home Country Sports Councils to share good practice and learning.

# NSPCC – Child Protection in Sport Unit



**Role:** We support safeguarding of children and young people in the sporting sector and ensure our child safeguarding standards are met and maintained.

**Supports:** Active Partnerships, NGBs, National Specialist partners, non-NGB supported sporting organisations

## Focus Areas:

- Management and review of the CPSU Safeguarding Standards, with Sport England involvement, to ensure funded organisations meet minimum safeguarding requirements.
- Support for funded organisations, including NGBs, Active Partnerships, system partners and activity providers via:
  - Provision of both bespoke and core training for Lead Safeguarding Officers, Boards and other groups.
  - Consultancy to support organisational safeguarding responsibilities.
  - Development of the CPSU website to provide information, guidance, resources and learning opportunities.
  - Development of the CPSU volunteer project to support assessing organisational safeguards/respond to trends.
  - Training, consultancy and website support to address equity of safety for all children across a broad range of organisations, including those that are unregulated, and those that support minority groups.
- Increase knowledge of safeguarding in sport among parents/carers through digital awareness and campaigns.
- Create a robust set of evaluation tools to measure the CPSUs impact against their focus Areas.

**Role:** We support safeguarding of adults in the sporting sector and ensure the standards set in the Safeguarding Adults in Sport Framework are met and maintained.

**Supports:** Active Partnerships, NGBs, National Specialist partners, non-NGB supported sporting organisations

**Focus Areas:**

- Develop the Safeguarding Adults in Sport Framework and support its national rollout, ensuring Active Partnerships, NGBs and other sector-wide specialist partners have completed this framework and are working to best practice via a safeguarding development plan.
- Increase our contact with sports that have no recognized governing body as determined by the Sports Councils, and in turn, their uptake of the Framework or a similar assurance process.
- Further our work with the Safer Culture Safer Sport campaign to embed best safeguarding practice.
- Delivery of both bespoke and core training primarily to designated safeguarding lead officers and Boards in APs and NGBs, in addition to other sporting organisations and different roles.
- Research into and resources to further develop hearing the voice of the participant.

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**Role:** We increase awareness at a local level and among parents of children participating in sport and physical activity of our work around preventing child exploitation and abuse in the UK.

**Supports:** Active Partnerships, National Specialist partners, non-NGB supported sporting organisations

## Focus Areas:

- Support Sport England's Advisory Panel and People with Lived Experiences of abuse in sport.
- Develop increased awareness from local authorities, Active Partnerships and other organisations working at a local level of their role in preventing child exploitation and abuse in their areas.
- Raise awareness of additional risks faced by children and young people when working to tackle inequalities and engage marginalised communities.
- Engage with parents and carers to raise awareness of what a good provision should look like and empower them to improve communication with the sport and leisure sector.
- Promote the 'Safe to Play' campaign with the long-term aim of ensuring improved responses to concerns.
- Increase recognition of prevention and disruption opportunities in sport and physical activity to improve understanding of all forms of child criminal exploitation and reduce violence against women and girls.
- Managing the Safeguarding Code for Martial Arts, which recognises clubs and providers who demonstrate good safeguarding standards, allowing parents, carers and educational establishments to make informed decisions.

**Role:** We support frontline professionals and organisations to ensure they have the tools, knowledge, skills, competence and confidence to respond effectively, professionally and safely to safeguard the welfare of children and adults in sport.

**Supports:** NGBs, Lead Safeguarding Officers in sport

**Focus Areas:**

- Operational management of the National Safeguarding Case Management Programme (SCMP).
- Delivery of the Lead Safeguarding Officer Development Programme for LSOs in NGBs and other sporting organisations.
- Delivery of Senior Leaders Safeguarding Workshops for NGBs and other sporting organisations.
- Working with individual NGBs to explore their current responses to safeguarding and support them to develop and improve their practice.
- Working with sporting organisations enabling them to understand the importance of healthy relationships in a sporting environment.

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# Sport Resolutions



**Role:** We are a sport dispute resolution service that offers arbitration, mediation, tribunal and investigation services globally. We play a leading role in establishing and maintaining consistent standards which protect the participant, ensure fair competition and improves the sporting spectacle.

**Supports:** NGBs, International Federations, athletes and coaches

## Focus Areas:

- Co-lead of the Safeguarding Case Management Programme for NGBs through deployment of the National Safeguarding Panel for initial case advice, investigations, hearings and appeals. This involves:
  - Providing initial case advice and guidance to NGBs and their appointed officers and work with other relevant bodies as may be required
  - Undertaking investigations and providing reports to NGBs
  - Populating hearing panels at either first instance or appeal stage.

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# UK Coaching



**Role:** Great coaching of sport/physical activity helps build individuals and communities, contributing to a healthier and happier nation. Just as coaches are there for participants, we are here for the coach. We provide membership, learning and development, products and services to support coaches in their practice and everyday lives. We deliver over 13,000 Safeguarding/Protecting Children workshops a year and are the lead deliverer of welfare officer Training/Time to Listen.

**Supports:** all coaches of sport and physical activity in any environment

## **Focus Areas:**

- Supporting existing partner organisations in coaching to align to the professional standards.
- Working with strategic system partners on the collection and distillation of data, insight and research to better understand the barriers to coached physical activity and sport for specific communities and individuals.
- Development of a coach learning roadmap, which, when overlaid with CIMSPA's career map, will provide developmental and progression clarity to coaches; and ensure coaches continue to stay current through CPD.
- Building on existing programmes, such as the Children's Coaching Collaborative, to change the culture of coaching.
- Working with educational institutions, ensuring that coaching practice is best practice for their learners.
- Being Here for the Coach in a health and wellbeing sense. Providing support and guidance where and when required to help coaches when they need it most.

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# Chartered Institute for Sport and Physical Activity



**Role:** We are the lead professional development body for the UK's sport and physical activity sector.

**Supports:** students, graduates, practitioners and managers in the sport and physical activity sector, and partner organisations looking to develop their workforce.

## Focus Areas:

- Provide leadership to the sector on workforce policy and regulation, monitoring compliance to protect consumers and the workforce from harm.
- Provide accessible quality and relevant learning and development opportunities.
- Review existing professional standards to embed core curriculum, and our existing education partners' offers against these professional standards to ensure full coverage at the right quality.
- Development and publication of an agreed minimum standards for deployment for each role in the sector.
- Develop our insight capacity and capability so we fully understand the size, scale and issues affecting our members and partners.
- Provide the sector with a diverse and valued workforce.