

Safeguarding Essentials

What to do if a bowler asks for help

Listen – let them talk.

Believe – take all disclosures seriously.

Record - in their own words and ask them to check and sign.

Support & Reassure – let them know they have done the right thing to seek help.

Refer – **take them to the club safeguarding officer if available.**

Otherwise tell them you will contact the club/county/National Governing Body safeguarding officer

Remember

Don't Promise to keep it secret – if they are 18 or over you can say you will seek advice without naming them.

Don't ask leading questions.

Don't investigate

Allegations of abuse against a club member

If you have some concerning information / concerns about the behaviour of a club member:

- **Contact** your club, county or national governing body safeguarding officer
- **Don't** investigate
- **Don't** keep it secret

Main Types of Abuse / Safeguarding Concerns

- Sexual abuse and Child Sexual / Criminal Exploitation
- Physical abuse incl. domestic abuse
- Emotional abuse incl. bullying/harassment
- Neglect and self-neglect
- Discriminatory abuse
- Financial or Material abuse
- Radicalisation
- Forced Marriage, Honour Based Abuse & Female Genital Mutilation

Who to contact

Club Safeguarding Officer



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Tel:

County Safeguarding Officer

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Tel:

National Governing Body Safeguarding Lead

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Tel:

Bowls Development Alliance Safeguarding Lead

Helen Price

Tel: 07340 170052

Key External Contacts

Local Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

MASH: Out of Hours

Police

NSPCC Helpline

Ann Craft Trust

Anti – Terrorist Hotline

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101 non-emergency (in emergency use 999)

0808 800 5000

01708 765200

0800 789 321

