

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

- Physical abuse incl. domestic abuse
- Emotional abuse incl. bullying/harassment
- Neglect and self-neglect
- Sexual abuse and Child Sexual / Criminal Exploitation
- 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

Lynn Dean

Tel: 07867988249

ESMBA Safeguarding Lead

Lynn Dean

Tel: 07867988249

Bowls Development Alliance Safeguarding Lead

Duncan Webster

Tel: 07340 170052

Key External Contacts

Local Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (**MASH**)

MASH - Out of Hours

Police 101 non-emergency (emergency use 999)

NSPCC Helpline 0808 800 5000

Ann Craft Trust 01708 765200

Karma Nirvana 0800 5999 247

National Bullying helpline 0300 323 0169