The Safeguarding Adults in Sport Journey

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A Leading UK Authority on Safeguarding Adults and Young People at Risk

We support organisations to safeguard adults and young people at risk and minimise the risk of harm.

Who are you looking to safeguard?

Choose an option

Where do you need support?

Choose an option

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Not sure? Get in touch.

Everyone has a right to be treated with respect and dignity. Everyone deserves to be safe.

As a leading authority in safeguarding adults and young people at risk, we want to live in a world where people live safely, free from the risk of abuse.

Through pioneering training, practice reviews and contributing to world-leading research, we support organisations to safeguard adults and young people at risk and minimise the risk of harm.

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The Safeguarding Adults in Sport journey

1948

1992 NAPSAC formed

Mental Capacity Act 2005

Empowers people to make decisions for themselves wherever possible, and protect people who lack capacity

2005

2005 Safeguarding Adults in Sport Steering Group formed

Care Act 2014

Safeguarding adults becomes a statutory responsibility in England

2014

2015 Sport England funds ACT

SPORT ENGLAND

Duty of Care in Sport
Independent Report to Government
Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson DBE, DL

2017

2018 Sport Wales funds ACT

UKSPORT

UK Sport funds ACT

2019

2021 #SaferCultureSaferSport

ACTING AGAINST ABUSE FOR 30 years EST. 1992

2022

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Sport and Safeguarding In the News

Olympic medallist Nile Wilson has criticised a **"culture of abuse"** in British gymnastics, saying athletes are **"treated like pieces of meat".**

Bradley Wiggins alleges he was sexually groomed by a coach as a teenager

- 2012 Tour de France champion allegedly groomed aged 13
- Wiggins: 'It impacted me as an adult ... I buried it'

Professional Jockeys Association weigh in on racing gender fight after **multiple safeguarding complaints made by female jockeys...** including Bryony Frost's bullying accusations against Robbie Dunne (Oct 2021)

Disturbing evidence uncovered by Orla Chennaoui of verbal and sexual abuse and harassment in the women's peloton – cycling's #MeToo moment.

Archery GB coach suspended over sexual assault allegation

Archery GB has suspended a coach after a complaint was made to the police over an alleged sexual assault involving a young female Para-athlete.

#SpeakingOut: Sexual misconduct in British professional wrestling's #MeToo moment

"I FELT I WASN'T BEING HEARD - LIKE I WAS THE PROBLEM."

TOP CANADIAN BOBSLEIGH, SKELETON ATHLETES CALL FOR RESIGNATIONS AMID TOXIC-CULTURE ALLEGATIONS

Victoria Azarenka wants safeguarding improved for female players

Details of systemic emotional abuse and sexual misconduct in the National Women's Soccer League were revealed in an independent investigation.

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Why Safeguard Adults in sport?

We all have equal rights to **protection from harm** – it's a **human right**!

(Human Rights Act 1998)

- A government priority
- Statutory requirement (Safeguarding Adult Legislation)
- Code of Sport Governance
- Uniting the Movement (Sport England)
- Learning from reviews & reported cases

Independent report

Duty of Care in Sport Review

An independent report by Baroness Grey-Thompson into the Duty of Care sport has towards its participants.

From: Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport
Published 21 April 2017

Safeguarding is everyone's business

Sports Bodies

National Governing Body (NGB)

- Govern and administer a sport on a national basis
- Think FA!
- Different sizes, history and resources, demographics
- Provide coach education & training
- Membership based
- Volunteer reliant
- Increase participation, run competitions
- Govern, do not regulate
- Some are funded by Sport England, Sport Wales, UK Sport
- Not all sports have governing bodies

UK Sport, Sport England, Sport Wales

UK Sport - government agency responsible for investing in Olympic and Paralympic sport in the United Kingdom.

Started in 1997 after Atlanta Olympic & Paralympic Games in 1996

Code of Sport Governance – revised 2021

Sport England & Sport Wales

Funded by DCMS & National Lottery to grow grass roots sport and getting more people to be active

Own strategies, fund NGBs and individuals, clubs, Local Authorities (England – Active Partnerships)

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The Challenges

It could never happen here

It is what you have to do to get medals

We don't have any vulnerable adults here

It is only disabled adults who need safeguarding

We have only ever had to deal with 3 safeguarding adults issues in ... years

Safeguarding is for the police / social care/ health services

We have added adults onto our safeguarding children policy and procedures

This is what is wrong with our society - snowflake generation/ woke culture/ political correctness

We don't have the resources for this

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Addressing the Challenges

Contracts with UK Sport, Sport England and Sport Wales

Safeguarding adults in sport **awareness raising**

Resources: website, templates, blogs, podcasts, films

Training, CPD, Seminars, Conferences

Guidance: individuals, organisations and cases

Collaboration with safeguarding and sport partners

Quality Assurance: The Safeguarding Adults in Sport Framework www.anncrafttrust.org/safeguarding-adults-sport-activity/the-safeguarding-adults-in-sport-framework/

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Elite Vulnerability Guidance

https://www.anncrafttrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Elite-Athlete-Vulnerability-Guidance.pdf

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Safeguarding Adults in Sport Framework

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- Online audit / development tool
- Submission rated as not met/ conditionally met/ met
- Opportunity to identify gaps and areas to develop
- Requirement written into funding agreements

1. Safeguarding Governance
2. Implementing Adults Safeguarding Responsibility
3. Training and Staff Development
4. Safe Recruitment
5. Codes of Conduct
6. Managing Safeguarding Adult Cases

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Working together to create a #SaferCultureSaferSport

A campaign for sport & activity organisations to create safer cultures.
Where welfare, safety & wellbeing is at the heart of values & actions.

Listen

Create an environment where everyone is confident their concerns are welcomed, listened to and addressed appropriately.

Find out more

Learn

Encourage continuous learning and reflection at all levels of your organisation in order to create and embed a safer culture.

Find out more

Lead

Lead with positive actions and values to empower everyone with the confidence to challenge and instigate change.

Find out more

Unhealthy and toxic cultures in sport and activity increase the risk of abuse and impacts welfare, safety and wellbeing.

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One year of...

safer **culture**
safer **sport**

3,000,000
people reached

41
organisations joined

253
people attended culture events

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What's next

- Continue to learn from sports reviews and reflect in training and resources
- Reflect and act on feedback and participant voice
- Work collaboratively with partners in safeguarding to support all sport and activity organisations to embed a culture of safeguarding to minimise the risk of abuse.

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