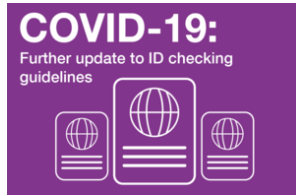


Safeguarding News & information

March 2021

Returning to face-to-face DBS verifying – 12 April 2021



In line with the UK Government's road map out of lockdown which sees the easing of lockdown restrictions on

gatherings, outdoor activities, and a return of formally organised, outdoor sport, the ECB have made the decision to offer the opportunity to return to face to face verifications and provide access to all our network of verifiers from **12 April 2021**. All Video ID verifications should cease in England and Wales and revert back to face-to-face verifications however it is important that all Government guidelines on social measures are adhered to. *Separate guidance is available.*

Please encourage all new DBS applicants to register with the Update Service to ensure rechecking is conducted automatically in the future and no need for any more applications!!

A change of titles

The title of County Welfare Officer has now changed to **County Safeguarding Officer (CoSO)**, likewise the title of Club Welfare Officer is changing to **Club Safeguarding Officer (CSO)**, please ensure that all club documents and policies reflect this change

Club Safeguarding Officer (CSO) Networking sessions – Start of season

Following feedback from the CSO network meetings that took place in November & December 2020, a series of 8 'one-hour' network meetings will be held in March & April 2021, please select the best date for you (only need to attend one as the content will be the same) All dates are available on the Cheshire Cricket Board website. Click on the link to register and book:
[CSO Start of the Season - network meetings](#)

Safe Hands webinars – Club Safeguarding Officers



The online Safe Hands webinars continue to be delivered by the ECB Safeguarding Team via zoom for **NEW club safeguarding officers and existing club safeguarding officers who are having to complete a refresher after 3yrs**. The webinars are free to attend and you can register via the attached: [2hr Online Safe Hands workshop](#)

Additional dates have been added:

- Tuesday 6 April 6-8.30pm
- Monday 19 April 6-8.30pm
- Thursday 6 May 6-8.30pm

Please note this interim accreditation will be valid for 2 years.

Club Safeguarding Officer compliance

As a reminder they need:

1. Current ECB DBS check
2. Attended a Safe Hands webinar/ workshop in the last 3yrs
3. Completed a Safeguarding workshop/ eLearning (e.g., Safeguarding Young cricketers, Safeguarding Protecting Children or a vocational equivalent) in the last 3yrs



Open Age cricket

A reminder that the minimum age for all junior players playing in open age cricket (namely with senior players) is the U13 age group. Players must be in Year 8 and 12yrs on the 1 September of the preceding year. The players' safety, personal development needs

and overall cricket experience must be considered. Each case must be determined on an individual basis, depending on the player's ability and stage of cognitive and emotional maturity to take part. This applies to all league and friendly games. There are no exceptions to this.

“Remember age limit & ability”



Single sex junior team management

Just as a reminder, ECB guidelines states that for all single sex junior teams/ groups, there must be at least one same gender member of staff (may include an assigned responsible adult/parent) involved in supervising the group. For mixed groups, there must be at least one male and one female supervising adult. There must be a minimum of 2 adults present and comply with the appropriate supervision ratio levels at all times.

Safe Hands Management System (SHMS) now LIVE in Cheshire

SHMS is an online Club Management Tool which requires all County Boards and Clubs to input the details of individuals in key regulated roles or those with responsibilities for the management and running of County and Club activities. This includes all clubs with junior sections and any club playing under 18's in open age cricket must meet safeguarding standards.



The story so far...the Cheshire Cricket area now has 80 clubs live on the system. All Club Mark clubs have

been initially invited to access the system. Each club has at least one SHMS club administrator who will be sending email invites to all their club officials. WATCH OUT FOR THE EMAIL!!

Links to additional FREE online training



Public Health England



- **FREE** Public Health England training relating to Psychological First Aid when supporting children and young people (see attached link)

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/psychological-first-aid-for-children-and-young-people>

activity alliance

- **FREE** Activity Alliance eLearning training relating to the Inclusive Activity programme (see attached link)

[Inclusive Activity Programme](#)

Please raise awareness and circulate this newsletter to all key people in your club and discuss the content in your committee meetings. “Safeguarding” should be a standing agenda item!