

Cheshire Cricket Safeguarding news and information

Newsletter - January 2023



Disclosure &
Barring Service

ECB DBS Update Service Improvements

In January 2023, the ECB introduced some improvements to the way our DBS application system integrates with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Update Service. The improvements will streamline the registration and annual check process for both volunteers and paid applicants and will ensure the ECB has the most up to date information regarding the roles people are undertaking in cricket.

All the above improvements are now live, and no specific action is required by the individual until their certificate is due for the annual recheck.

For further information, see attached link:

[ECB-DBS-Update-Service-Improvements-Jan-2023.pdf](#)

Do you want to be a DBS verifier for your Club? If so, please get in touch. Best practice is that all clubs have at least 2 DBS verifiers to ensure that all necessary checks are completed before people start in a relevant role

Safe Hands workshops for Club Safeguarding Officers (CSO's)



Safe Hands workshops are being delivered at various cricket clubs around the Cheshire cricket area. The workshops are for both **NEW and EXISTING CSO's**. Reminders have been sent to

that need to requalify after 3 years. The workshops are **FREE** to attend but you need to register via the attached link: [Safeguarding Courses & Workshops | Cheshire Cricket Board](#)

The dates and locations are as follows:

Date	Day	Time	Location
14/02/23	Tues	6.30-9.30pm	Cheshire FA, Northwich
28/02/23	Tues	6.30-9.30pm	Hale Barns CC
06/03/23	Mon	6.30-9.30pm	Appleton CC
13/03/23	Mon	6.30-9.30pm	Macclesfield CC
30/03/23	Thurs	6.30-9.30pm	Stockport Georgians CC
17/04/23	Mon	6.30-9.30pm	Upton CC
18/04/23	Tues	6.30-9.30pm	Haslington CC
25/04/23	Tues	6.30-9.30pm	Cheshire FA, Northwich

Also, anyone signing up to a Safe Hands Workshop will get automatically enrolled on to "Safeguarding for Committee Members & Club Safeguarding Officers" e-Learning (see the e-Learning section of the newsletter for further information)



Club Safeguarding Officer support

The role of a Club Safeguarding Officer can sometimes be challenging and demanding. The ECB have arranged support for CSO's with professional medical, mental health and wellbeing support. They have partnered with Canada Life and are able to offer you free and entirely confidential support from their "WeCare" Programme. "WeCare" provides an extensive range of virtual services delivering holistic support to individuals with medical, mental, legal, get fit, 24/7 GP access and wellbeing support. Access is strictly limited to

Club Safeguarding Officers, but additionally we would like to afford access to immediate family also. Further details can be found here [ECB-Safeguarding-Officer-WeCare-Support-FINAL.pdf \(cheshirecricketboard.co.uk\)](#)

Club Safeguarding Officer compliance

As a reminder you need:

1. Current ECB DBS check
2. Attend a Safe Hands workshop (every 3yrs)
3. Complete "Safeguarding in Specialist Roles" e-Learning (every 3yrs)



FREE Safeguarding e-Learning for all in cricket

The ECB have just launched 2 new FREE safeguarding e-learning courses:

1. 'Introduction to Safeguarding' (Induction) (Level 1)

The 'Introduction to Safeguarding', is the ECB's new online safeguarding course for all individuals in the game. This is available for everyone involved in cricket. With this in mind we invite you, and everybody at your club or organisation, to complete the online "Introduction to Safeguarding". The training provides basic knowledge and advice in creating a safe cricket environment for everyone, recognising signs of abuse, what to do if you have any concerns or if you are approached by anyone with concerns that they may have. This training should take around 30 minutes to complete and is accessible on a laptop, tablet or mobile phone.

For further information and to access this training please click on the link

[Safeguarding Training | Cheshire Cricket Board](#)

or visit the CCB website, Safeguarding section

Those who have already undertaken safeguarding training in their roles such as Coaches and Safeguarding Officers, they are not required to complete this course, although individuals may do so if they wish

2. 'Safeguarding for Specialist Roles' (Level 2)

The new course, 'Safeguarding for Specialist Roles' replaces Safeguarding Young Cricketers (SYC) e-Learning and is designed to support individuals in cricket who are working with children and young people. 'Safeguarding for Specialist Roles' is made up of one 60-minute module, suitable for everybody in specific roles in cricket and four shorter bolt-on modules:

- [Safeguarding for Coaches and Activators](#)
- [Safeguarding for Captains and Team Managers](#)
- [Safeguarding for Umpires and Scorers](#)
- [Safeguarding for Committee Members & Club Safeguarding Officers](#)

It is considered a requirement of role, so individuals in these specialist roles are invited to complete the one-hour module, followed by the shorter module that best reflects their role.

If you already have an in date SYC, there is no requirement to complete this e-Learning at this stage

Please note that anyone who had the old SYC already assigned to them via ECB e-learning portal have been automatically enrolled onto "Safeguarding for Coaches and Activators"

If you don't have an ECB e-Learning account, please register via the CCB website link attached to access the training:

[Safeguarding Training | Cheshire Cricket Board](#)



The [Cheshire Cricket Board](#) approved several new and revised policies and procedures at the December 2022 board meeting.

Clubs are invited to read the documents via the below link, with a view to reviewing their own policies and procedures.

If clubs need support, please get in touch [Safeguarding Policies & Procedures | Cheshire Cricket Board](#)

In October 2022, the ECB Safeguarding Team published their own updated Safeguarding Procedure and clear case management thresholds.

For more information, click on the link: [County Safeguarding Officer News | Cheshire Cricket Board](#)



There has been an important change in legislation. It is currently an offence in England and Wales for anyone aged over 18 years in a position of trust to engage in sexual activity with a child in their care.

In June 2022 the roles included in the definition of position of trust were extended to include anyone who “coaches, teaches, trains, supervises or instructs on a regular basis in a sport ...”.

Where someone is in a ‘Position of Trust’ then the age of consent rises to 18 years. This very welcome change in the law extends legal protection particularly to 16- and 17-year-olds who are participating in sport.

****Please highlight these changes to all coaching staff and captains****

For further information see attached link:

[ECB-Positions-of-Trust-Update-July-2022.pdf](#)
([cheshirecricketboard.co.uk](#))



Safe Hands Management System (SHMS) Spring Clean and Phase 4 of the rollout

The story so far...

101/108 Cheshire Cricket clubs are now live on the system, and the ambition is that Phase 4 will see all Cheshire cricket clubs live on the system by the start of the 2023 season.

There are many benefits to registering on the SHMS: [SHMS animation video](#)

1. Access to a **free** liability insurance offer from Howdens which will save the club money [Combined central scheme cover summary Jan 2021.pdf](#)

2. Helps clubs to meet their safeguarding responsibilities and improving their safeguarding compliance
3. Creating a safer environment to play cricket
4. Additional support from the Cheshire Cricket Board – including online and 121 support
5. Easy to use and update
6. Registration is recommended and supported by the leagues



It is recommended that all clubs who are already onboarded on the SHMS should undertake some spring cleaning of their club area ready for the start of the season. See the suggested checklist on the CCB website

