

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year!

We hope you are all keeping well and looking forward to the new season ahead. We have several updates to share with you.

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Safe Hands Tutor Event

The Pro-active Safeguarding Team held a two-day face to face training course in January for 18 brand new Safe Hands Tutors. It was a huge success, with all 18 attendees achieving qualified tutor status.

This recent drive of awareness and uptake from new tutors, means that we have a dedicated Safe Hands Tutor in 99% of all counties across England & Wales. Alongside this, the Pro-active Safeguarding Team also provided 2 webinars to current Safe Hands Tutors who were taken through the updated slide deck for 2024.

Everyone who is an official Safe Hands Tutor plays a crucial role in making our sport safe.

Congratulations to everyone and thank you for your continued support and hard work.



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Safeguarding Training for the Talent Pathway

Thank you to those of you who have attended or signed up for one of our four regional sessions to learn more about our new training specifically designed to be delivered to all staff who work within our talent pathways.

Spaces on this train the trainer style course are still available at

- Edgbaston on 5th March
- Headingly on 12th March

After the four sessions have taken place the slides and resources you will need will be provided for you.

If you have missed the invites, please sign up by emailing safeguarding@cricketregulator.co.uk

Thank you for all your feedback, it's much appreciated!



Low Level Concerns update

Thank you to you all for your hard work and commitment to the new low level concerns reporting process. As a result of your efforts, we already have an example of how the system has identified and highlighted someone who has been the subject of 3 or more concerns thus reaching the threshold for our Case Management Team.

Information regarding notifications, the updated ECB Privacy Notice (which includes Low Level Concerns) and the Policy Template will be available to you very shortly together with an aide memoire document to support you moving forwards.

Now the 2024 season is almost upon us, please use the Low-Level Concern reporting form to share any concern no matter how small or insignificant. Any incident meeting the threshold for a referral to the Safeguarding Team should be reported as per the current procedure and reporting form but feel free to add the form to your Smartsheet workspace should you wish to have all concerns recorded in one place.

Just a reminder once you are logged into your Smartsheet account, please populate the blank columns by using the drop downs. This information will not pull across from the reporting form but is very important for audit purposes:-

- Subject name
- Overall Concern Status
- LLC or Threshold
- Type of Referral
- Context of Concern
- Source of Referral
- Concern Outcome

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NEW Trips and Tours Reporting Form

We have designed a new Trips and Tours Reporting Form specifically for reporting any concerns or incidents when on tour, either in England and Wales or overseas.

You can access the form here [Incident Reporting Form Template](#) or directly via your County Safeguarding Officer.

For any new CSO's who may not yet have access to the CSO SharePoint folder, please contact your CSA or email safeguarding@cricketregulator.co.uk

DBS Reminder's

Ahead of the new season, we would like to highlight some key tips you should follow:

- All applications should be in the applicant's Full Legal Name (including any middle names)
- ID verifications should only be carried out face to face and not online or via email.

Please note, we are keen to get a **Digital ID system** implemented this year, however due to extended contract negotiations we can't move forward on this until the new contract is signed off. Once we have more information about this, we will be in contact.

DBS Annual Renewals – A reminder that all ECB DBS certificate clearance is only for 12 months at any one time. To continue DBS clearance for a role in cricket, individuals must complete the annual recheck questionnaire. These rechecks can only be fulfilled if the individual has an active DBS update service subscription. For more information, please visit our [Help Centre](#).

First Aider's - In April/May 2023 the role of First Aider was removed from being a regulated role requiring a DBS and this has been reflected on Atlantic Data, Safe Hands and communicated with the network.

Scorers – We appreciate that you may have had a lot of communication from your network regarding the decision to remove the role of Scorer from Regulated Activity. In addition to the FAQ's and process document already provided (see this [link](#) for a reminder) we are creating some best practice guidance which will be shared with you shortly and sent out via ACO to all Scorers. We have also created content for a laminated crib card which will be distributed to all Scorers, along with other useful information at the start of the season.

Club Volunteer Overseas Player/Coaches: There is a new Non-UK Vetting Form available which has been updated for 2024. For more information and a link to the form, please click [here](#)

For overseas player/coaches covered by International Sportspersons Visa or requiring a Governing Body Endorsement, please visit [here](#) for more information.

DBS FAQs – A reminder that Elaine and Mick's [useful video](#) tackling the most common DBS queries is available if you need it.

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Update to the Working Together Statutory Guidance

The Department for Education published a new edition of its statutory guidance *Working Together to Safeguard Children* in December 2023. This 2023 edition replaces *Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018*, which underwent a limited update in 2020.

There are no changes specifically for sports organisations however there is a section on multi-agency safeguarding arrangements that you should be aware of. The guidance outlines what organisations and agencies must and should do to help, protect, and promote the welfare of all children and young people.

No statutory roles or functions have been removed from the guidance.

The new 2023 edition includes updates on the following:-

- multi-agency expectations for all practitioners
- working with parents and families
- clarifying the roles and responsibilities of safeguarding partners
- the role of education and childcare providers
- multi-agency practice standards
- support for disabled children
- tackling harm that occurs outside the home.

Please find the new Working Together statutory guidance [here](#)

Together with a summary of the changes [here](#)



New Legislation update

We are one step closer to mandatory reporting as the Government aims to bring in tougher laws to protect children from sexual abuse.

There will be a legal requirement for anyone in Regulated Activity to report it, if they know a child is being sexually abused. By making mandatory reporting a legal requirement, the government is delivering on a key recommendation in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) report to protect children from harm and make sure authorities never again turn a blind eye.

If this legislation goes through, we will work with you to incorporate the change and update guidance/training as required.

Follow this link for more information

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tougher-laws-to-protect-children-from-sexual-abuse>

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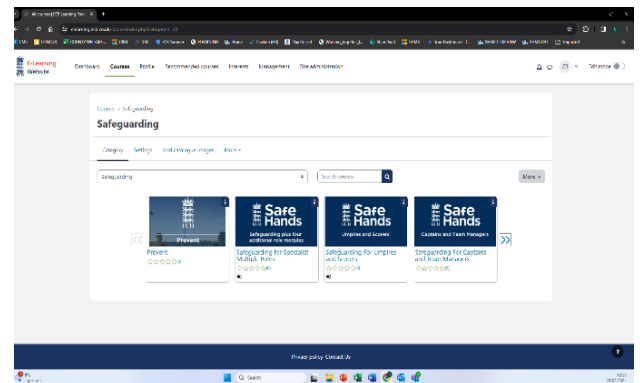
Prevent

We're pleased to announce that Prevent training is now available on the [E-Learning platform](#) under the safeguarding heading. The course will explore the Prevent Duty within Cricket.

By the end of the module, you will:

- Understand the key aspects of Prevent
- Know how to keep safe online
- Know how to be a critical thinker when interacting with information
- Know how vulnerability plays a part in the process of radicalisation and extremism
- Know what to do if someone displays warning signs
- Understand how we promote British Values

To enrol on the course simply click on the **i** in the Prevent box and then **"enrol me."**



Get ready for the season ahead

As the new season approaches it is now time to ensure your Clubs are ready.

Please support them to ensure that their policies and procedures are in place, SHMS is updated, that they have undertaken or have plans in place to complete the required training and that anyone in Regulated Activity at their club has an ECB DBS.

Remember we have a lot of useful resources in the [Safeguarding Kit Bag](#) to assist. New items have been added such as a Training Matrix, Club Safeguarding Officer and Safeguarding Concerns Poster as well as the new Safe Hands Policy and Club Safeguarding Policy Statement Template.

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/safeguarding/kitbag>

Get Set Weekend

The Get Set Weekend has for many years been a pre-season focal point for clubs up and down the country.

The weekend is a fantastic opportunity to inspire new and existing volunteers to spend time at their local club, helping it to 'get set' for the upcoming season.

To help drive local engagement and support in recruiting volunteers For your Get Set Weekend and beyond, the ECB has created a Number of posters, images and resources for you to use accessible via the [ECB Resource Hub](#).



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Safe Hands Management System CRM Support Video

We have had contact from several CSO's asking for some support around how to use SHMS CRM.

To assist, this six-minute [video](#) is a useful, step by step guide which we hope will provide some clear instructions on how to use and navigate around the system.



Rich's baby news

We are delighted to announce that Rich and Leanne welcomed Lawrence Thomas Watson into the world on 12th January weighing in at 7lbs 12. Lawrence is happy and healthy.



Contact the Safeguarding Team

safeguarding@cricketregulator.co.uk

Safeguarding Referral Form

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/about/policies/safeguarding/share-a-concern>