



safeguarding news

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ENjoy ENtrust ENSure


We are pleased to introduce our new Safeguarding Young People in Netball Policy and associated guidance, as part of our [ENjoy ENSure ENtrust](#) theme. The Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) and the NSPCC have endorsed this work as good practice.

We have used our case management information to identify the key issues in our sport and reframed our guidance to take account of this. As well as child protection and potential abuse related resources, we have widened our definition of safeguarding to include **wellbeing**; the overall health and happiness of the young people in netball.

We want to provide guidance and support to you as [Club Safeguarding Officers](#), to [parents](#) and to [young people](#), so that the right support and help can be given where there are issues which you don't know how best to respond to.

Most issues do not reach the statutory thresholds of a child being at risk of harm, so knowing what help is out there, what you can do to understand and respond to a young person's problems is where we believe there needs to be practical advice. For example, you will find a link to the MindEd resource, a programme of bite sized modules developed by the Royal College of Paediatricians which gives guidance on different forms of mental ill health, how to identify them and what support can be given in response.

 **Safeguarding Training:** we have streamlined the safeguarding training requirements, removing the need for repetition of the same course each 3 years. SPC1 and Time to Listen are still required of all CSOs in clubs with U18s, and coach training requirements are still set by Sportscoach UK.

 **DBS Guidance:** there have been no changes to the DBS Guidance and we remain of the view that portable DBS checks are not acceptable for us; all DBS checks must have been carried out and cleared through England Netball. Don't forget to ensure that only those people in regulated activity with U18s have Enhanced with Barred List checks.



Reporting a Concern Form has been improved to gather more of the information which is needed for a concern to be reported on. It can now be completed on-line, so is easier to use. Please ensure everyone in your club is aware of this form and how to access it.



Away trips and Events Guidance has been improved and includes a risk assessment pro forma.



Social Media, Acceptable Behaviour and Parental Consent Forms: we have provided templates for you to use for getting your club members to sign up on agreed terms for netball related use of social media, if there is an issue with poor behaviour or for consent to take photographs. We hope you find these useful and that they make your club's management a bit easier.



Parent/Carer Guidance: we have provided you access to video and posters resources which were developed with the CPSU for all sports to raise awareness of the impact the behaviour of parents can have on their child's enjoyment of their sport. They are for use across all sports, so are not netball specific, but the message is a powerful one which makes people reflect on their behaviour, so can really help adults see what is not acceptable behaviour. We hope you can use these to run workshops in your club.

Whilst most of these elements of safeguarding guidance have been developed from existing resources, we have created our [ENjoy ENSure ENtrust](#) theme to emphasise the links between safeguarding young people, providing an inclusive netball experience and raising awareness of anti-doping messages, particularly around the use of supplements. Use the links on the pages and you will be taken to the relevant policies and guidance for these areas.

We hope you find this new website useful. We will keep developing resources, particularly related to the wellbeing issues, and will add them to the relevant pages. We welcome your feedback and thoughts on what works well, or what else you may like to see. Please email any thoughts to besafe@englandnetball.co.uk

Frances Bogie, Lead Child Protection Officer

Anti-Bullying Competition Results

Congratulations to the winners of England Netball's Anti-Bullying Competition. We had a fantastic response, receiving nearly 80 great inspiring statements aimed at stamping out bullying. The panel of judges included EN's Lead Child Protection Officer and England Netball Squad member, Sasha Corbin.

The winner in the Under 14 category, was Tegan, age 11 from Bridgnorth NC: *'Let's stop bullying in sport because: everyone should be able to participate – don't let prejudice stop play!'* Tegan won a netball dress signed by the England Squad; she said *'I think my dress is Ace, it made an appearance at my school assembly and my Netball Club so the dress is helping to spread the anti-bullying message before getting pride of place in a frame on my bedroom wall! I love netball!'* (yes, we agree Tegan!).

The winner in the 14-18 category was Brooke, age 16 from Weston Park Blades NC: *'Let's stop bullying in sport because: a smile on the court spreads happiness but unkindness hurts all of us'*. Brooke won 2 free tickets to the International game in London; afterwards she said *'We enjoyed a great evening at the very impressive Copper Box Stadium watching England v Malawi. Our seats had a brilliant view of the action and the whole evening provided us with an exciting and memorable event. Thank you so much to England Netball for providing us with a night to remember. We wore red and cheered loudly for the brilliant England squad!'*

Four lucky runners-up, pictured below, won a Iheart netball each.



Aimee, U14s



Amy, U14s



Chloe U18s



Emma U18s

Online Bullies – how to stop it in your club ...

You may have noticed in the news recently the shocking cases of online bullying. This month, to coincide with 'Safer Internet Day' on 10th February, the NSPCC has published an overview of online abuse - you may have seen the TV advert for their 'Share Aware' campaign – do take time to look at this, it takes less than 2 minutes, and is very poignant. Click here and watch: [Share Aware: I saw your willy](#)

Online abuse in Sport

Online abuse is any type of abuse that happens on the web, social networks, playing games or mobile phones. Sports organisations increasingly use the internet and social media to promote sport and communicate with players and these forms

of digital media provide great benefits. However they can also pose potential safeguarding risks to young people.

What does this mean in netball? It's important that your club or organisation has an online safety policy and/or acceptable use policy, procedures and specific codes of conduct in place to promote a safe online environment. Your club or organisation should ensure that everyone involved (including coaches, volunteers, administrators, parents and children) understand and comply with their responsibilities within these policies.

Please see the [EN Social Media Policy](#) on our new webpages We also recommend visiting: <http://www.internetmatters.org/> and <http://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Safeguarding is *Everyone's* Responsibility

Failing to report a concern may endanger a child emotionally, physically or psychologically

You will never need to investigate a concern, but it is your duty to *always* report any child protection concern. To report a concern, contact the Compliance and Inclusion Department at Head Office:

✉ Email: besafe@englandnetball.co.uk, ☎ Tel EN Lead Child Protection Officer: 07595 863991. or
☎ call the NSPCC: 0808 800 5000 (lines open 24/7 365 days of the year)

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to safeguarding our young netballers, which helps them to have fun and enjoy the game.



Time to Listen update

The 31st March is the deadline for CAPS accrediting or re-accrediting clubs to have a TTL-trained CSO.

February-March TTL Dates

- SW:** Wed 4th February, Bournemouth
- East:** Tues 17th February, Hitchin, Herts
- South:** Thur 26th February, Marlow, Bucks
- WM:** Sun 1st March, Walsall
- SW:** Thur 5th March, Bristol
- NW:** Mon 9th March, Manchester
- South:** Thur 12th March, Hayward's Heath
- NE:** Tues 24th March, Co Durham

Contact your Regional Coordinator for details:

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