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## Child Safeguarding in Sport

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<b>Title of the practice</b>	<b>Safeguarding Lead Officer</b>
<b>Country</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Organisation(s) responsible</b>	NSPCC-Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU)
<b>Main topic addressed</b>	Roles within safeguarding
<b>Type of resource/practice</b>	Systems of Child Safeguarding Officer roles
<b>Target group(s)</b>	Child Safeguarding Officers
<b>Timing</b>	<p>The following are a selection of training programmes offered to National Governing Body Child Safeguarding Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Case Management - 6 hrs</li> <li>• Case management and Poor Practice Training – 6 hrs (must have completed Introduction to Case Management training)</li> <li>• Risk Assessment in Safe Recruitment Training – 6 hrs</li> <li>• Safe Events Training – 6 hr</li> <li>• Safer Virtual Sports Events – 2 hrs (must have completed Safe events training)</li> <li>• Drop In Events – 2 hrs (must have completed Safe events training)</li> <li>• Management Board Training – 2 hr</li> <li>• Introduction to the role of lead Safeguarding Officer in an NGB</li> <li>• Refresher for NGB lead Safeguarding Officers</li> </ul>
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Brief description of the practice</b>	<p>Currently all National Governing Body training and Child Safeguarding Officer support meetings (monthly for one hour) are held virtually.</p> <p>The CPSU offer a duty service to support Child Safeguarding Officers 9-5.00 pm during the working week - (Monday- Friday). The NSPCC Helpline offers additional support and advice out of hours and at weekends on <a href="mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk">help@nspcc.org.uk</a></p>
<b>Context and objectives</b>	<p>Recent Child Safeguarding Officer support meetings have included topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitating Youth Forums - Giving the child a voice.</li> <li>• Sharing information with and from statutory agencies.</li> <li>• Police national investigation of child sexual abuse cases.</li> <li>• Research and case management of serious child abuse cases.</li> <li>• Child sexual exploitation</li> </ul>
<b>Steps/activities of the practice</b>	<p>The CPSU have developed a cascade training model for club Child Safeguarding Officers delivered by other partner agencies and some sports themselves.</p> <p><a href="https://thecpsu.org.uk/training-events/specialist-safeguarding-training#club-welfare-officer-training">https://thecpsu.org.uk/training-events/specialist-safeguarding-training#club-welfare-officer-training</a></p>

<b>Resources required</b>	Currently all training is delivered virtually.
<b>Achievements and outcomes</b>	<p>See the link for more details on each learning outcome for training.</p> <p><a href="https://thecpsu.org.uk/training-events/specialist-safeguarding-training#heading-top">https://thecpsu.org.uk/training-events/specialist-safeguarding-training#heading-top</a></p> <p>In the past 12 months there have been over 300 delegates who have attended the different training run by the CPSU. This training is currently available to forty-nine National Governing Bodies and thirty-nine Active Partnerships.</p>
<b>Challenges and limitations</b>	<p>Currently all training is delivered virtually.</p> <p>We are in the process of reviewing all the training offered in light of virtual delivery continuing for the foreseeable future.</p>
<b>Follow-up ideas and future plans</b>	<p>As the world of sport and physical activity continues to evolve, we will need to look at who has access to the courses. Currently the team is contracted to deliver training to certain organisations, so we try to share as much learning with wider audiences using webinars and podcasts on the website.</p> <p><a href="https://thecpsu.org.uk/training-events/">https://thecpsu.org.uk/training-events/</a></p>
<b>Further information</b>	<a href="http://thecpsu.org.uk/help-advice/deal-with-a-concern/">http://thecpsu.org.uk/help-advice/deal-with-a-concern/</a>