

# Child Protection in Sport Unit NSPCC

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**play sport** stay safe  
**enjoy** and **achieve**

# Introducing the NSPCC

## Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU)

- Established in 2001, the CPSU is a partnership between the NSPCC, Sport England, UK Sport, Sport Northern Ireland and Sport Wales
- Followed a series of high profile cases of abuse of young athletes by those in positions of trust such as sports coaches
- The CPSU's mission:  
*'To build the capacity of sports to safeguard children and young people in and through sport and to enable sports organisations to lead the way in keeping children safe from harm'*



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## CPSU Services:

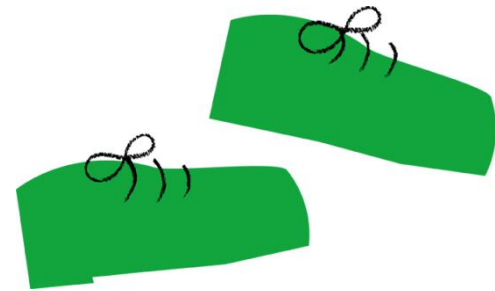
- Majority of work is commissioned and funded by respective Sports Councils and UK Sport
- Main is focus to support funded sports governing bodies (NGBs), their support partners, and Active Partnerships (APs, England only)
- Services include developing and/or providing sector specific:
  - Training (range of audiences and subjects), Webinars & Learning Forums
  - Consultancy
  - Guidance, toolkits, templates and resources
  - Safeguarding and child protection case advice and guidance
  - Lobbying and advocacy on behalf of sport to government departments and linked organisations
  - Commissioning and supporting research
  - Safeguarding Standards – application and monitoring compliance (funded organisations)
  - E-newsletters and bulletins
  - Campaigns & Research e.g. Parents in Sport Week, Close the Loop Hole
- Many services are delivered through the CPSU website <https://thecpsu.org.uk/>



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## Current CPSU priorities:



- Fulfilling existing, ongoing funding contracts
- Supporting sports bodies & Lead Officers in context of COVID 19
- Amending/adapting our training offer to online classrooms
- Promoting greater involvement of young people
- Responding to major press issues (e.g. Gymnastics) and acting as a 'critical friend' to NGBs involved
- Developing support to independent, community sports/physical activity providers (unregulated, unsupported groups and clubs)
- Expanding training and resources available for event organisers
- Supporting Sports Councils' projects e.g. Safeguarding Code for Martial Arts
- Exploring potential business opportunities beyond existing contracts
- Seeking engagement and partnerships with other NSPCC services