

Child Protection in Sport: Which policies to develop?

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Mission:

To build the capacity of sport to safeguard children and young people in and through sport to enable sport to lead the way in keeping children safe from harm.

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Where we started

- 1990s – first high profile cases in sport
- Criminal convictions of Olympic and other elite sports coaches for sexual and physical abuse of athletes
- Multiple victims
- Intense media attention
- Reputational damage to sports bodies and loss of sponsorship
- Initial responses geared to dealing with rogue individuals not systematic change

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Role of CPSU

- Lead voice/champion/pioneer for safeguarding children in sport
- Enabler/facilitator/advisor to sports organisations
- Co-ordinator/influencer promoting messages and influencing policy
- Independent expert anticipating and interpreting national safeguarding developments

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Standards for Safeguarding and Protecting Children in Sport

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2006 Accord for the Protection of Children in Scottish Sport



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gyfrwng chwaraeon
yng Nghymru**



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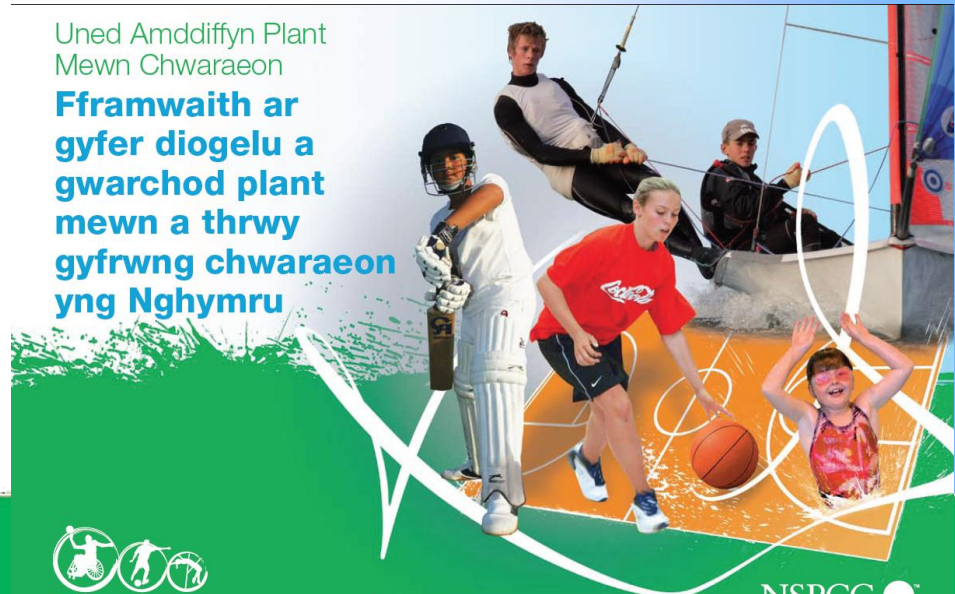
Getting It Right

Standards of practice for the protection of children and young people

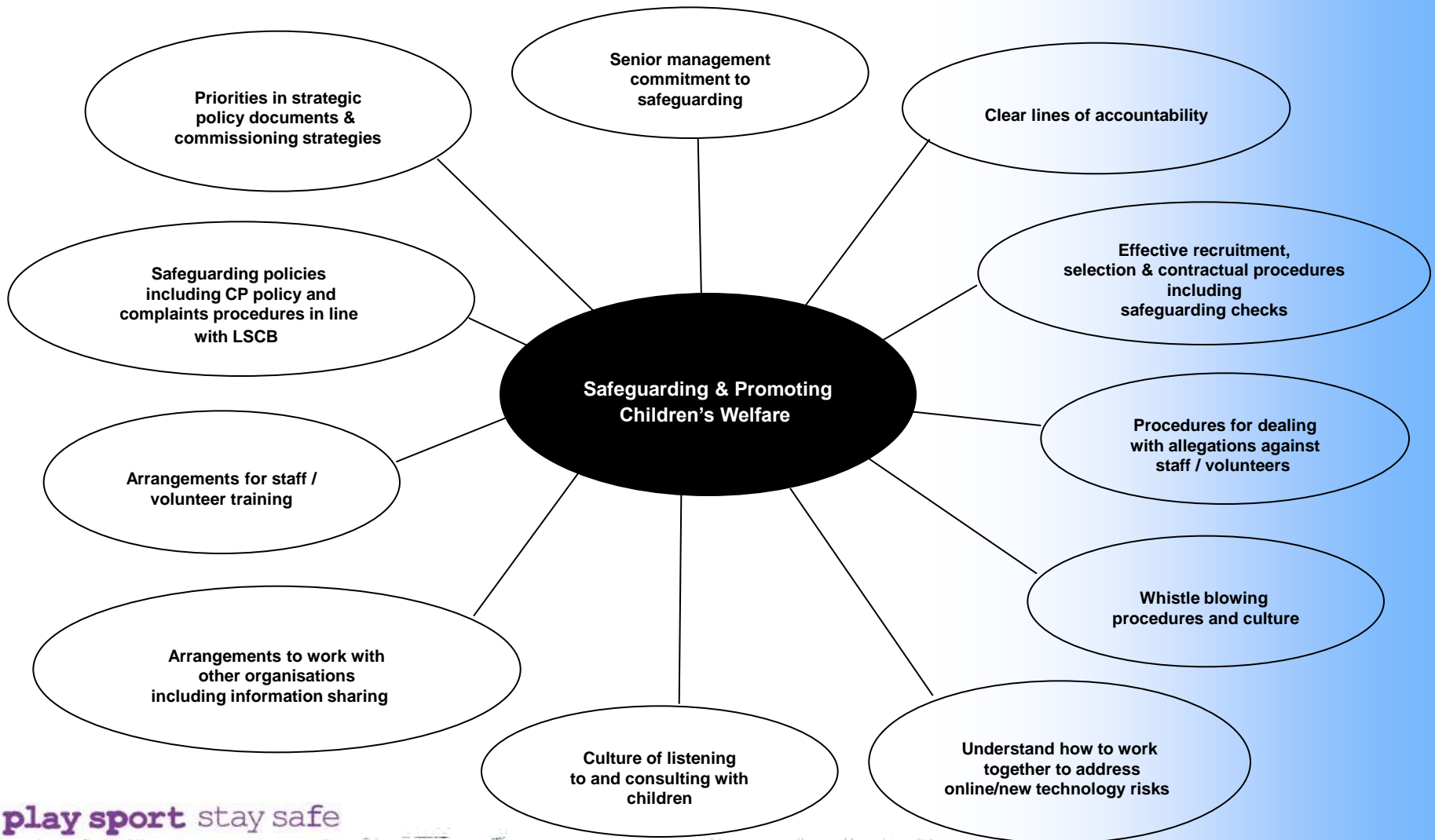
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Safeguarding standards across the UK



All organisations providing services for children, parents or families, or work with children, should have in place:



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Working Together to Safeguard Children (2010) Section 2.11



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What kind of barrel?



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Standards for Safeguarding & Protecting Children in Sport

1. Policy
2. Procedures and Systems
3. Prevention
4. Codes of Practice and Behaviour
5. Equity
6. Communication
7. Education and Training
8. Access to Advice and Support
9. Implementation Plan
10. Influencing



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International Standards for Safeguarding in Sport

Vision: That all children, around the world, of all castes, tribes, genders and abilities, have the opportunity to participate, enjoy and develop through safe, well delivered sport and physical activity

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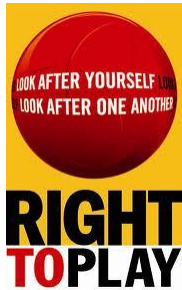




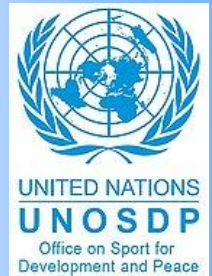
The Working Group



Keeping Children Safe



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Trinidad & Tobago Alliance for Sport and Physical Education





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Self-Assessment Tool

Is your organisation doing everything it could be to keep children and young people safe in sport? This online self-assessment tool will help you find out.

The tool will take you through the **Standards for safeguarding children in sport** developed by the Child Protection in Sport Unit. There are simple questions for each of the nine standards elements which will help you assess what your organisation still needs to do. We have produced an information pack to guide you through each step in a bit more detail. The pack will open as a PDF document (see download below), so you can refer to it at any time without losing your place in the tool.

If you want to save your progress, please click 'Save and email myself'. This will create a unique hyperlink which you can email to yourself. You can use this link at any time to take you back to your saved overview page.

Get started >

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Policy >

Areas covered:

- Do you have a safeguarding/child protection policy?
 - Does it prioritise the welfare of children?
 - Is the policy clear & easy to understand?
 - Is the policy publicised effectively?
- 0/4

Implementation & Monitoring >

Areas covered:

- What steps will be taken to safeguard children?
 - Are resources available to help implement these?
 - Will regular reviews be put in place?
 - Will young people & parents be involved?
 - Are safeguarding concerns or complaints recorded & monitored?
- 0/5

Procedures & Systems >


Areas covered:


- Is it clear what to do if there are concerns about a child?
 - Is there guidance on photography, social media, texting & emailing?
 - Can everyone access the child protection procedures?
 - Is there a designated safeguarding person in the organisation?
 - Are complaints about abusive behaviour dealt with effectively?
- 0/5



Self-Assessment Tool

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Policy

- Does your organisation have a safeguarding or child protection policy? **Yes** **Show me more** ▼
- Does it include principles that prioritise the welfare of children? **Yes** **Show me more** ▼
- Is the policy written in a clear & easily understood way? **Yes** **Show me more** ▼
- Is the policy publicised, promoted & distributed to relevant audiences? **Yes** **Show me more** ▼

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Centre for Learning in Child Protection – Research 2011

The experiences of children participating in organised sport in the UK

Kate Alexander
Anne Stafford

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Headline findings

Young people in the study reported widespread emotionally harmful treatment (75%) and unacceptable levels of sexual harassment (29%). Clothing and body image are key issues within sport contexts particularly around puberty and warrant further attention. Self-harm was reported equally by both boys and girls (10%). Reports of sexual harm featured at a low level (3%)

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General messages

- Sport should focus more on a children's rights approach to sport participation; and greater attention should be paid to creating a positive sporting ethos where children and young people are respected, and where their voices are heard and used to shape sporting experience, welfare and performance
- Sport should build on what children and young people value about sport participation. This includes the social aspects of sport such as making friends and being part of a team

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General messages

- Sport should take steps to promote a more positive sporting and coaching ethos, at all levels of participation and in all sports
- Sports bodies should put in place policies, procedures, training and practice which enable sport practitioners to systematically tackle harm occurring between peers
- Sports bodies should use the findings and messages from the research to shape an examination of the culture in their own sport and address short-comings.

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Headline findings

Peers were the most common perpetrators of all forms of harm reported in the research, with coaches sometimes failing to challenge it effectively. Coaches were the second most common perpetrators of harm with their role in harm increasing as young athletes advanced through the competitive ranks.

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Encouraging positive parental behaviour

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Safeguarding our elite athletes



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Safe sports events



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Safeguarding additionally vulnerable children in sport



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