

Safeguarding Annual Report

For Financial Year 2016-17



Preamble

Active Essex (along with all CSPs and NGBs receiving Sport England funding) is required by Sport England to maintain the Safeguarding and Protecting Children in Sport standard, which includes having an annual action plan monitored and reviewed by the Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) of the NSPCC.

Key principles of maintaining the standards is for Active Essex to demonstrate high quality practices in safeguarding, be a good example of these practices to other sports agencies within the county and provide support and advice where possible to the wider sport and safeguarding communities.

Implementation Plan

The 2016-17 Implementation Plan detailed the actions and outcomes for Active Essex in that year. These were set after the annual internal review at the end of the previous year and were agreed with the CPSU as part of the Annual Review at that time. The 2016-17 Implementation Plan was delivered and completed to the satisfaction of both the internal review and external review by CPSU receiving a Green RAG rating for the Sport England annual report.

Designated Safeguarding Staff

Active Essex's policy is to maintain two Designated Safeguarding Officers and to have additional members also capable of fulfilling this role if possible and/or desirable. Throughout 2016/17 period Jim Messenger remained in the role of Lead DSO, Dan Catley as the Deputy DSO and Melissa Huggins as assistant DSO. In Addition, to provide additional coverage at the Hadleigh Park site, two members of the Hadleigh Park team received the training for DSOs through the CPSU.

Safeguarding Training

Active Essex staff members, Alexa Cadwallader and Keely Bunton, received the training for DSOs through the CPSU.

Active Essex facilitated the delivery of 15 'Safeguarding and Protecting Children in Sport' courses for coaches and administrators within Essex during the year, with an attendance of 205 individuals.

Incidents and Actions

There were again very few direct safeguarding concern incidents brought to the attention of Active Essex. Active Essex does not deal with case management of incident. Active Essex advice was sought on two occasions, both were requests from Essex LADO service for advice on contacts regarding a concern with a connection to sport.

In both cases, the incidents were dealt with by Essex LADO Service and the communications were logged by Active Essex.

Annual Survey of Providers and Deliverers

The online survey of providers was carried out in February 2017. This is an anonymous survey and there is no requirement to take part. Responses did not indicate any negative attitudes to Active Essex support for safeguarding.

External Annual Review

The external annual review with the CPSU took place on 27th February 2017 at the University of Hertfordshire. In attendance; Nick Slinn (CPSU), Jim Messenger (Safeguarding Lead, Active Essex), Dawn Catley (Safeguarding Deputy, Active Essex). The CPSU was overall satisfied with the accomplishments of the previous Implementation Plan. The 2017-18 Implementation Plan also received approval and subsequently a RAG rating of GREEN was awarded to Active Essex for Safeguarding.

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