

‘A quick resource for busy people’

Welcome. Every adult working with young and at-risk people in sport knows how important safeguarding is, and despite best intentions keeping up-to-date is difficult because we often feel overwhelmed with information. At Active Essex we understand this, so our Safeguarding newsletters will just take a very quick look at some current topics and resources, with links to more information, if you want it!

#TrustToLead?: NSPCC campaign calls on Government to act quickly to close two legal loopholes leaving the door open for child abusers to target young people in sport .

1. Position of trust laws which protect 16-17 year-olds should be extended to cover sports coaches and other roles.

Whilst it's unlawful for certain professionals like teachers and care workers to have sex with 16 and 17 year old children in their care, this does not apply to sports coaches or other youth workers.

2. All those that work with children should undergo the most stringent DBS check, not just those working alone with children.

Currently it's illegal to hire someone to work with children regularly if barred from doing so – but only if that person would be working unsupervised. **MORE:**

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/fighting-for-childhood/campaigns/trust-to-lead/#campaign>

Government Progress Report: ‘Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation – February 2017’:

This report was published alongside a £40m package of measures to protect children and young people from sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking. It includes:

- * £7.5m for a new Centre of Expertise
- * £20m for the National Crime Agency to tackle online child sexual exploitation.
- * Additional £7m for organisations helping victims of sexual abuse, including children.
- * £2.3m for second phase of **Disrespect NoBody** campaign, raising awareness of healthy relationships.
- * Independent Child Trafficking Advocates Service launched.

A critical part is tackling the culture of denial within professions and public. The **Together, we can tackle child abuse** campaign will help raise awareness and encourage more members of the public to report child abuse concerns. **MORE:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tackling-child-sexual-exploitation-progress-report>

Safeguarding Adults in Sport:

The Ann Craft Trust and Sport England have combined to provide support for safeguarding. Much of Safeguarding Adults in Sport Manager, Nicola Dean's initial work has been around learning the landscape, and supporting NGBs understand the key difference between child protection and protecting adults in need of support. A growing range of resources and information is now available from the website. **MORE:** <http://www.anncrafttrust.org/safeguarding-adults-in-sport.php>

New Helpline for Footballers who have experienced abuse:

The NSPCC has a new hotline, supported by the FA, specifically for footballers having experienced abuse. The revelations at the end of 2016 of historical abuse were shocking to many. The positive is this now comes to light in a society much more willing to listen and accept and a specially trained workforce to support and act.

The free helpline can offer support, 24 hours a day. **0800 023 2642**

MORE: <https://nspcc.org.uk/fighting-for-childhood/news-opinion/new-helpline-football-sexual-abuse/>