



The Roles and Responsibilities of a Club Welfare Officer

Whilst everyone is responsible for safeguarding the Club Welfare Officer is the person within a Golf Club with primary responsibility for managing and reporting concerns about children or adults at risk and for putting in to place safeguarding procedures.

Policy and Procedures

- 1. To assist the club to put Safeguarding Policy and Procedures in place.
- 2. To assist the club to put implementation plans in place for child safeguarding.
- 3. To promote awareness of the Codes of Conduct for staff, volunteers, coaches, members (juniors and adults) and parents.
- 4. To ensure that safe recruitment procedures for staff and volunteers are followed.
- 5. To ensure that all appropriate existing staff or volunteers have an up-to-date DBS Enhanced Disclosure. These should be updated every 3 years.

Referrals

- 1. To be the first point of contact for club staff, volunteers, young people and parents for any issues concerning child welfare / adults at risk, poor practice and potential or alleged abuse.
- 2. To ensure that all incidents are reported correctly and referred in accordance with Policy guidelines.
- 3. To act independently and in the best interests of a child at the club, putting the child's needs above those of others and the club itself.
- 4. To ensure confidentiality is maintained and information is only shared on a 'need to know' basis.
- 5. Maintain contact details for the local children's social care department, the police and Local Safeguarding Children Board.
- 6. Be the first point of contact with the England Golf Lead Safeguarding Officer.



Education and Training

- 1. To advise the club on appropriate training for coaches and volunteers based on the England Golf recommended training requirements.
- 2. To signpost those with roles and responsibilities for children and young people to appropriate safeguarding training opportunities.

General

- 1. Work with others in the club to ensure a positive child-centred environment.
- 2. Assist England Golf to fulfil its responsibilities to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk at club level.
- 3. To sit on the club management committee to advise on child safeguarding issues or be in attendance as necessary.

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