

# WILTSHIRE CRICKET

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER  
SPRING 2024



## WELCOME

Welcome to our Spring Safeguarding Newsletter for 2024. We hope that the season is getting underway at your club despite the best efforts of the British weather and that this newsletter will help you to ensure that cricket takes place in a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment.

## DBS UPDATE

### Scorers

As a matter of good governance, the ECB regularly reviews its safeguarding guidance to ensure it reflects the latest in safeguarding best practice. The role of a scorer was reviewed last year, and the legal advice received indicated that in general the role of a scorer does not in law meet the threshold to be a role requiring an enhanced DBS check. These requirements are set and applied in law. Our guidance was updated as a result. However, there may be scenarios where a scorer moves into regulated activity and an enhanced DBS would be required.

For further information and FAQ's please [click here](#).

### DBS Renewal Process – January 2023 update:

Changes to the DBS renewal process were introduced in January 2023 and this process will remain the same for next year. To remind yourselves of this process, please [click here](#).



Contact the Safeguarding Team

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# Safe Hands Management System

The Safe Hands Management System (SHMS) is an online Club Management Tool introduced in 2021 to support clubs in proactively managing safeguarding. All of our clubs have now been invited to onboard onto the SHMS with many of our clubs pro-actively using the system to manage their safeguarding provision. The ECB are continuing to review the existing compliance rules to ensure that they remain fit-for-purpose in allowing clubs to demonstrate their commitment to safeguarding in the recreational game. For now, we would advise clubs do the following:

- Ensure all data on the SHMS is up to date prior to the start of the 2024 season and that your club portal is an accurate reflection of your volunteer workforce.
- Initiate any required DBS checks
- Update & complete all sections on the portal that are relevant to your club even if this means you are not able to meet all requirements to achieve club compliance

If clubs are required to reach a state of club compliance for a specific purpose (e.g. Clubmark accreditation) then we will review this on a club-by-club basis.

If there are any tasks to be completed that you need support with, visit the SHMS Help Centre [here](#) or contact Sam Dent

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## Safe Hands Guidance and new Safeguarding Club Policy Template

- The ECB Safeguarding Team have been reviewing and updating the Safe Hands Policy, Guidance and Template documents. The ECB Safe Hands Policy has been updated and approved by the ECB Board and can be found [here](#).
- There is a requirement for recreational clubs to hold a safeguarding policy. The ECB are now asking clubs to complete a new Safeguarding Policy Statement which asks them to agree to Safe Hands being the single safeguarding policy for the game. This will hopefully be seen as a positive step forward, to reduce the workload for our volunteer Club Safeguarding Officers and provide consistency across the club network.
- The Wiltshire Safeguarding Policy statement for clubs to adopt and display can be found [here](#).
- Updated guidance and policy templates can be found on the ECB website [here](#).

## WeCare – Welfare and Well-being Support



Club Safeguarding Officers can now access medical, mental health and well-being support through Canada Life WeCare. This is an excellent, free and entirely confidential support scheme that the ECB are providing for the Club and County Safeguarding Officer network.

The provision will also be available for immediate family members.

Please contact me for further information and access.



## Our EDI Vision and Mission

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## SAFEGUARDING FOR SPECIALIST ROLES

These courses are for all those who have a specialist role in cricket including Coaches, Activators, Officials, Committee Members, Captains and Club Safeguarding Officers. If you perform a specialist role in cricket you need to complete the 'Safeguarding for Specialist Roles' and the the appropriate top up module related to your role. For more information, please contact Karen Smith

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- **Safeguarding for Captains and Team Managers**
- **Safeguarding for Coaches and Activators**
- **Safeguarding for Officials (Umpires and Scorers)**
- **Safeguarding for Committee Members and Club Safeguarding Officers**

The Safeguarding for Specialist Roles training should take around 1 hour to complete and the top up modules around 20 minutes. Your certificate is available to download on completing the top up module and is valid for 3 years.

If you perform more than one such role, we suggest you choose the element most aligned to your main role. Whilst there is only a need to complete one top-up module, you are welcome to complete as many as you wish. Volunteers can access the additional top up modules by auto enrolling on each module in their e-learning account.

If you have previously completed the Online Safeguarding Young Cricketers module or have a current ECB e-learning account, the new Safeguarding for Specialist roles qualification unique to your role will be available in your e-learning account for volunteers to complete.



### Safeguarding Referral Form

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/about/policies/safeguarding/share-a-concern>



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