

# Safeguarding Essentials

## What to do if a bowler asks for help

**Listen** – let them talk.

**Believe** – take all disclosures seriously.

**Record** - in their own words and ask them to check and sign.

**Support & Reassure** – let them know they have done the right thing to seek help.

**Refer** – **take them to the club safeguarding officer if available.**

Otherwise tell them you will contact the club/county/National Governing Body safeguarding officer

**Remember .....**

**Don't Promise to keep it secret** – if they are 18 or over you can say you will seek advice without naming them.

**Don't ask leading questions.**

**Don't investigate**

## Allegations of abuse against a club member

If you have some concerning information / concerns about the behaviour of a club member:

- **Contact** your club, county or national governing body safeguarding officer
- **Don't** investigate
- **Don't** keep it secret

## Main Types of Abuse / Safeguarding Concerns

- Sexual abuse and Child Sexual / Criminal Exploitation
- Physical abuse incl. domestic abuse
- Emotional abuse incl. bullying/harassment
- Neglect and self-neglect
- Discriminatory abuse
- Financial or Material abuse
- Radicalisation
- Forced Marriage, Honour Based Abuse & Female Genital Mutilation

## Who to contact

Club Safeguarding Officer



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Tel: .....

County Safeguarding Officer

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Tel: .....

National Governing Body Safeguarding Lead

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Tel: .....

Bowls Development Alliance Safeguarding Lead

Helen Price

Tel: 07340 170052

## Key External Contacts

Local Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

MASH: Out of Hours

Police

NSPCC Helpline

Ann Craft Trust

Anti – Terrorist Hotline

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101 non-emergency (in emergency use 999)

0808 800 5000

01708 765200

0800 789 321

