



Welcome to the first Safeguarding newsletter of the year!

DBS Reminder's

Ahead of the new season, we would like to highlight some key tips you should follow:

- All applications should be in the applicant's Full Legal Name (including any middle names)
- ID verifications should only be carried out face to face and not online or via email.

DBS Annual Renewals – A reminder that all ECB DBS certificate clearance is only for 12 months at any one time. To continue DBS clearance for a role in cricket, individuals must complete the annual recheck questionnaire. These rechecks can only be fulfilled if the individual has an active DBS update service subscription. For more information, please visit our [Help Centre](#).

First Aider's- In April/May 2023 the role of First Aider was removed from being a regulated role requiring a DBS and this has been reflected on Atlantic Data, Safe Hands and communicated with the network.

Scorers – We appreciate that you may have had a lot of communication from your club regarding the decision to remove the role of Scorer from Regulated Activity. In addition to the FAQ's and process document already provided (see this [link](#) for a reminder) we are creating some best practice guidance which will be shared with you shortly and sent out via ACO to all Scorers. The ECB have also created content for a laminated crib card which will be distributed to all Scorers, along with other useful information at the start of the season.

Club Volunteer Overseas Player/Coaches: There is a new Non-UK Vetting Form available which has been updated for 2024. For more information and a link to the form, please click [here](#)

For overseas player/coaches covered by International Sportspersons Visa or requiring a Governing Body Endorsement, please visit [here](#) for more information.

New Legislation update

We are one step closer to mandatory reporting as the Government aims to bring in tougher laws to protect children from sexual abuse.

There will be a legal requirement for anyone in Regulated Activity to report it, if they know a child is being sexually abused. By making mandatory reporting a legal requirement, the government is delivering on a key recommendation in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) report to protect children from harm and make sure authorities never again turn a blind eye.

If this legislation goes through, we will work with you to incorporate the change and update guidance/training as required.

Follow this link for more information <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tougher-laws-to-protect-children-from-sexual-abuse>



Prevent

We are pleased to announce that Prevent training is now available on the E-Learning platform under the safeguarding heading. The course will explore the Prevent Duty within Cricket.

By the end of the module, you will:

- Understand the key aspects of Prevent
- Know how to keep safe online
- Know how to be a critical thinker when interacting with information
- Know how vulnerability plays a part in the process of radicalisation and extremism
- Know what to do if someone displays warning signs
- Understand how we promote British Values

To enrol on the course simply login and click on the **i** in the Prevent box and then “enrol me.”

Get ready for the season ahead

As the new season approaches it is now time to ensure your Clubs are ready.

Please ensure that your club's policies and procedures are in place, SHMS is updated, that they have undertaken or have plans in place to complete the required training and that anyone in Regulated Activity at their club has an ECB DBS.

Remember we have a lot of useful resources in the [Safeguarding Kit Bag](#) to assist. New items have been added such as a Training Matrix, Club Safeguarding Officer and Safeguarding Concerns Poster as well as the new Safe Hands Policy and Club

Safeguarding Policy Statement Template. <https://www.ecb.co.uk/safeguarding/kitbag>

SAFEGUARDING for Specialist Roles (SSR) training

Please can you encourage your individuals in regulated roles to complete one of the courses shown below. These are not mandatory this year but will be next.

Safeguarding for Captains and Team Managers <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/4lqd70/4W>

Safeguarding For Coaches and Activators <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/rlqd71/4W>

Safeguarding For Committee Members and CSO's <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/5lqd7q/4W>

Safeguarding For Umpires and Scorers <https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/xlqd72/4W>



Affiliation to Bucks Cricket 2024

To affiliate to Bucks Cricket in 2024 – and Clubs must be affiliated to Bucks Cricket to play League Cricket, they must have:

- A trained Club Safeguarding Officer – with their details inputted onto your Club's Play-Cricket website
- ECB Safe Hands Management System (online system) administrator and club Safeguarding Officer (CSO), Adult teams, captains, Chairman (and if running junior cricket), coaches, age group managers and All-Stars activator entered into SHMS all with a valid ECB DBS
- Clubs must achieve compliance across these criteria on 1st April 2024

To update your Club Safeguarding Officer details on your club's Play-Cricket site (and it is OK if they have not done the Safe Hands course for CSOs yet), Administration section, go to Day to Day then under About Us, click Club Officials.

If you need a new Safeguarding Officer or they need to do the 3-yearly course refresh, we are organising Safe Hands courses across the county. Please see <https://bucks cricket.co.uk/pages/safeguarding-courses>. CSOs can do the Safehands course in another county, they are all the same.

If you/your CSO experience any problems with the ECB Safe Hands Management System, please email Emma Boswell-Harris (emma.boswell-harris@bucks cricket.co.uk) or Harry Gadsby (harry.gadsby@bucks cricket.co.uk)

Please email Hugh Suter (safeguarding@bucks cricket.co.uk), the County Safeguarding Officer, with any other questions or concerns.

Clubmark

For those club who have Clubmark, access your Clubmark site at <https://shms.powerappsportals.com/>

1. **Existing documentation** – you will notice when accessing the Planning section that the documentation you added when originally being accredited is visible. Unfortunately, we are unable to remove this but do feel free to delete any documents that are no longer current. **To assist the review process, can I ask that the filename you give to any documents you upload starts with 2024 e.g. 2024 Safeguarding Policy Statement for Clubs.**

To note – you are only required to upload the following documents in the Planning section:

- a. **PLD2** – signed Safeguarding Policy Statement for Clubs
 - b. **PLD3** (**only clubs not covered by ECB central policy**) – confirmation of insurance cover evidencing that this meets the £10 million employee and £5 million public liability cover.
 - c. **PLD 5** – minutes from latest/current AGM
2. **Sign off** – once your submitted documentation has been reviewed, you will be contacted via email by ECB to confirm the requirements for 2024 have been met.

If you have any questions or issues please contact your designated CSO [Emma Boswell-Harris](mailto:Emma.Boswell-Harris@bucks cricket.co.uk) or club.mark@ecb.co.uk.



Free insurance provision through Safe Hands Management System (SHMS)

Please remember to maintain or take up the ECB Insurance associated with SHMS, your club must complete a risk assessment for 2024.

1. First click on "View Club"
2. You must complete all of the club information under the "Club Information" tab.
3. You need to input the data under the "Teams and Data" tab.
4. Then you need to add all of your officials under the "Officials" tab.
5. You can then check the progress of "Compliance" under compliance in progress (see attached screenshot).
6. Once you have done this you need to click on "Venues and Insurance".
7. Add all venues that your club plays at including second grounds and any indoor facility you use regularly.
8. Then, to claim/apply for the insurance you need to complete a "New Risk Assessment" (See attached screenshot).
9. Once you click on that button you will be taken to the Howdens Risk Assessment/Application page (see attached screenshot).
10. Complete the Howdens form in full to apply for the free insurance.

These steps must be complete to access the free insurance policy.