

Sport Structures
Response to the White review and
guidance for Welfare Officers and
Coaches
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Overview

- The Whyte review into Gymnastics of systemic abuse was in response to significant evidence of abuse not being challenged.
- Following the review UK Sport and Sport England published an action plan
- At Sport Structures we take the safeguarding of our customers seriously and we are measured on this through OFSTED and Awarding bodies.
- We have an internal Safeguarding Group that oversees an action plan associated with our delivery, management and governance
- We are providers of safeguarding training for coaches and welfare officers and are planning further training for Designated Safeguarding leads and an awareness course relating to Prevent.
- We train our salaried staff on a regular basis and this document is to guide our associate tutor and assessor workforce both through Sport Structures or partner courses.

References

- [The Whyte review](#)
 - <https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/safeguarding/whyte-review?section=summary>
 - UK Sport and Sport England action plan
<https://www.uk sport.gov.uk/news/2022/07/20/whyte-review---the-next-steps>
- Sport Structures Safeguarding policy and documents
<https://www.sportstructures.com/about-us/our-policies-and-forms/>
- Our courses
<https://www.sportstructures.com/education-training/our-courses/workshops/safeguarding-and-time-to-listen/>

- For example ...

“...there was a 'coach-led' culture...which left gymnasts...feeling undervalued as individuals and as though they would not be listened to. This culture expected gymnasts to follow directions from coaches rather than have a meaningful say in decisions about their training and development. The negative example set by some senior coaches became engrained and, in some cases, their behaviours and training techniques were passed onto more junior coaches.”

Anne Whyte QC, 2022



What should Welfare Officers or Coaches do?

- We have identified a number of actions for Cpub and regional Welfare Officers and coaches
- Keep Safeguarding and DBS up to date (under three years)
- Review document links for the Whyte Review and relevant NGB safeguarding policy and Whyte review action
- Understand reporting processes for both children and adult safeguarding
- Maintain a log of learning in CPD form
- Consider further learning and consider practice especially online

Further programmes and resources

Netflix – Athlete A: <https://www.netflix.com/gb/title/81034185>

BBC IPlayer – Football’s Darkest Secret: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m000ths4/footballs-darkest-secret>

BBC Iplayer – Nowhere to run: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p09v8k03>

Organisational pages

www.anncrafttrust.org

www.mariecollinsfoundation.org.uk

<http://ceop.police.uk>

<https://www.sportenglandclubmatters.com/>

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

<https://thecpsu.org.uk/resource-library/videos/introduction-to-the-cpsu/>

Key contacts

- Identify your NGB safeguarding lead but if you need any guidance: Safeguarding issue – contact DSL or Deputy DSL
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