

DERBYSHIRE CRICKET FOUNDATION

Safeguarding Newsletter



Autumn 2022

Welcome to the Safeguarding and Welfare Newsletter.

Introduction

We returned to cricket this year with no restrictions in place and hopefully your clubs and your members, young and old, have enjoyed a good season. The British summer was better than normal although the temperatures meant we had to adapt with extra drink breaks etc. It was unusual to see brown cricket fields, but they soon returned to green after the rain arrived.

Parts of this newsletter is a repeat of the Spring Newsletter to serve as a reminder of things clubs need to do over the winter after the AGM's have changed any roles in the club.

County Safeguarding Officer

The County Safeguarding Officer is Angela Gregson, who can offer support and guidance for anyone who has concerns about safeguarding. Angela is supported by the Deputy County Safeguarding Officer, Mick Glenn.

Angela is a tutor for face-to-face Safe Hands training courses with Jon Dyson.

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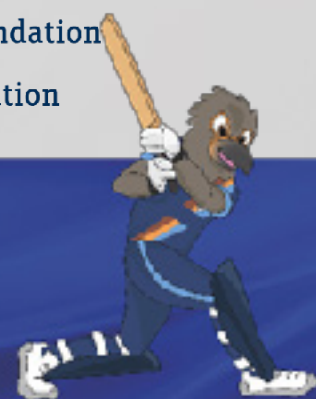
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Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Checks and Application Information

To ensure DBS applications are successfully processed, please see below for important information:

- DBS applications should be under the applicants' full legal name. An alias or shortened version of names e.g., Tom instead of Thomas, will not be accepted.
- Any certificate issued which is not in the applicant's full name is invalid and a new application will need to be made. This can result in a period of temporary suspension from their regulated role in cricket.
- Please check an applicant's full legal name before initiating or carrying out a verification.
- Once the applicant enters their documents, they should be encouraged to have the application verified promptly as any documents used that need to be dated within the last 3 months could have passed that time. If this happens the application will need to be cancelled and started again.

There is a helpdesk function within the system, or you can contact Angela or Mick for advice.

DBS Update Service

We recommend that all your members who require an ECB DBS join the DBS Update Service so they do not have to apply for a new DBS check each year. This service keeps their DBS certificate up to date, which means that when the ECB need to recheck their DBS status, they can carry out a quick, online status check to see if anything has changed on their certificate. An email is sent requesting their consent to do this check each year. This has the following benefits:

- Applicants can keep their DBS certificates up to date
- Employers can check a DBS certificate online
- Applicants' certificates are auto-renewed every 12 months, provided their circumstances haven't changed (they may opt out of this if they wish)

They can join the Update Service during the application or once their certificate has been issued from an email they receive.

Captains and Vice-Captains

Just a reminder that all open age captains and vice-captains **MUST** have a current DBS at the start of the season. This includes any friendly teams in the club. This DBS must be through the ECB vetting process and not through work or any other agency.

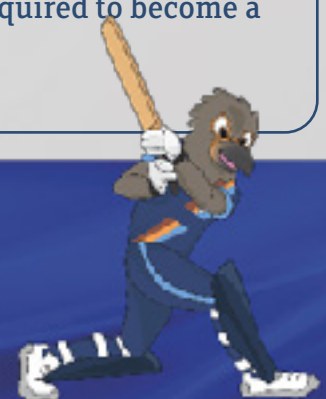
We recommend that all vice-captains are vetted as things can change in the season – injury/holidays/change of work – that means the captain is no longer in the team. This is an ECB requirement and must be adhered to. The application lists the role as captain and not vice-captain.

DBS Verifier


Most clubs have their own verifier, and this has helped in ensuring that DBS's are current.


If you are not a verifier, or another member of the club wishes to assist you, please contact Angela or Mick and we can initiate it.

A current ECB DBS is required to become a verifier.



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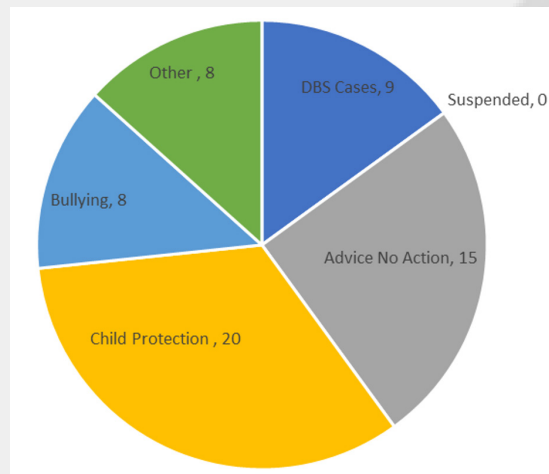
Calls to the County Safeguarding Officer 2021-23

Every call concerning a possible Safeguarding issue that a Club Safeguarding Officer makes to the County Safeguarding Officer is noted and, if necessary, details of the call recorded. Not every call needs to have the content recorded as it may not be a safeguarding issue, or it may be advice requested on accessing the DBS portal.

At training sessions, especially, people sometimes ask about the calls I receive and what they cover. Below is a chart showing the calls that were recorded on our system from 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022. The classifications are a guide and of the sixty calls listed twenty were referred to the ECB Safeguarding Team. A referral to the ECB may have been for guidance rather than a concern about a person or persons. Social Services teams were informed about the content of three calls.

Calls that fell under DBS cases included where individuals had not signed up to the DBS Update Service and had failed to respond to requests from the ECB DBS team. This meant the ECB temporarily suspended them from their regulated role, but they could play, pending a new DBS being completed. I inform the Club Safeguarding Officer of the suspension and the need to do a new DBS if they wish to continue in the regulated role.

Whatever the reason a call is quick to make and can put your mind at ease – we are here to SUPPORT you.



Updated Minimum Requirement for Safeguarding Officers (CSO) and Training

Most clubs have a CSO, but best practice would be to have at least 2, one of whom would ideally be a female. CSO's require:

- Current ECB DBS
- Attend a Safe Hands workshop every 3 years whilst in role
- Attend a Safeguarding workshop every 3 years whilst in role– Safeguarding Protecting Children (SPC) or Safeguarding Young Cricketers (SYC) or Sports Coach UK or a vocational safeguarding certificate (education, health, social care, police).

If you need clarification on course requirements, please contact Angela Gregson.

Derbyshire Cricket Foundation have advertised and promoted the courses they are providing in March and April 2022. Details of the course dates can be found [HERE](#).

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