

Safeguarding Officer Report 2023

This is a relatively new role having only started in November 2022.

We have received one safeguarding concern this year which was resolved in line with England Netball Safeguarding Children in Netball policy.

With thanks to Vicky, we have a safeguarding section of the Norfolk County Netball website. This includes external signposting for children, young people, and adults who need support, including for historic concerns, as well as a 'report a concern' function for safeguarding within Norfolk.

If you report a concern through the website, this goes to the main email address FAO of the Safeguarding Officer. This is a non-urgent reporting system and will not be picked up immediately.

We would always remind you that if you have immediate worries about the safety of a child, young person, or adult, you should report to the police on 999 as soon as possible.

Under 18 players

Please can **all** Clubs ensure that staff / volunteers that are in regulated activity with children or young people hold a current DBS certificate with the level of check being **Enhanced with Child Barred**. This certificate must be kept safe as we may be required to check these certificates are valid.

If your team has a player under the age of 18, your entire team is unlikely to need a DBS as they would not be deemed as being in 'regulated activity'.

If you are unsure if a team member (voluntary or paid) needs a DBS certificate, please reference the England Netball information found here:

<https://www.EnglandNetball.co.uk/governance/safeguarding/dbs/>

England Netball does not accept checks with the DBS Update Service or certificates from other roles (teaching, social work, etc.), and DBS certificates must be renewed every 3 years.

For safeguarding training, please see the information provided by England Netball: <https://www.EnglandNetball.co.uk/governance/safeguarding/training-and-education/>

Any questions or worries, please shout! There is no such thing as a silly question or silly worry - it's better for your concern to be spoken and be nothing than to keep silent and it's something!