

# WELSH BOWLING ASSOCIATION



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Member of World Bowls, B.I.B.C. and European Bowls Union

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#### National Governing Body Safeguarding Officer – Role Description

**The protection of support of Young People in Bowls Clubs is of paramount importance to the Welsh Bowling Association**

**The Lead officer of the NGB will be the central point of contact for any County or Club Officer who has concerns about a Child in their Club.**

#### **Core Areas of Knowledge**

- A knowledge of and/or familiarity with the pertinent legislation and Government guidance relevant to this role.
- An awareness of the roles and responsibilities of the statutory agencies within Child Protection, such as Social Services, Police and NSPCC.
- Understanding of local procedures for reporting Child Protection concerns to the Statutory Agencies.
- The organisation of their Association's (WBA) Safeguarding Policy and how to put this into practice in relation to junior members at any Club.
- Awareness of equality issues with the context of Child Protection.
- An awareness of how abusers target and groom organisations in order to abuse children.

#### **Core Skills – ability to:**

- Good communication skills
- Administrate/organise paperwork and record information received.
- Act as a local source of advice on Child Protection matters.
- Support the interests of children within Bowls.
- Advice and support provision to all Clubs and Coaches in their Associations.

#### **Core Tasks:**

- Lead role in development and establishment of their Association's approach to safeguarding young people.
- Central point of contact for internal and external individuals/agencies.
- To represent their Associations at meetings related to Child Protection.
- To provide advice and support to County Protection Officers and to assist in their training.
- Lead role in maintaining and reviewing the Bowls Wales Implementation Plan for safeguarding and protecting children in their Associations.
- To ensure standards are met.
- To uphold confidentially, as far as it is possible, in all child protection matters.
- To lease with the Bowls Wales Lead Officer in all pertinent matters.

The appointed NGB Safeguarding Officer must be prepared to undertake the necessary training to be familiar with all the above issues and if necessary be prepared to undertake a DBS check.