



We are writing to you because you host one or more School Games Organiser, and we know that you, like all of us at Sport England, care passionately about ensuring that children and young people get a safe and positive sporting experience. This is what helps ensure youngsters carry on playing sport or being active later on in life. We have all been shocked by the recent historic abuse cases and applaud the victims' courage in coming forward. Whilst safeguarding practice today is far stronger than 20 years ago, none of us can afford to be complacent.

Like us, the recent cases may well have prompted you to check your own organisation's safeguarding policies and practices to make sure they are up to date and fit for purpose. As an organisation which has received public funding from Sport England, we are writing to you to ask you, if you have not already done so, to check that everything is in place and working well. We would ask that you also check that each member of your team, including volunteers, understands the arrangements and puts the policies into practice.

Having up to date, fit for purpose, safeguarding policies and practices in place will help you to ensure children and young people get the best possible start in sport. It also reassures parents and carers that their children will be safe and well treated.

Simple, practical and independent advice on safeguarding is available from the Child Protection in Sport Unit's website www.thecpsu.org.uk. The unit is hosted by the NSPCC and co-funded by the NSPCC and Sport England. You can also get local advice and support from your Local Authority Safeguarding Children or Adults Boards. Of course, if you believe a child or an adult is at immediate risk or danger, you should contact your local social services or police.

We appreciate that others – for example your local council or sports governing body – may well have also written to you, but given you have received funding from Sport England we felt it was appropriate for us to contact you in that context.

Thank you for your contribution in helping more people to play sport and be active. Collectively we need to continue to work together to ensure that children and young people enjoy taking part in a safe environment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennie Price." with a period at the end.

Jennie Price, Chief Executive