



## Criced Cymru - Safeguarding Policy Statement

Criced Cymru is committed to ensuring all Children (i.e. all persons under the age of 18) participating in cricket have a safe and positive experience.

We will do this by:

1. Recognising all children participating in cricket (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability) have the right to have fun and be protected from harm in a safe environment.
2. Ensuring individuals working within cricket at, or for, our club provide a welcoming safe, and fun experience for children.
3. Adopting and implementing the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) [“Safe Hands – Cricket’s Policy for Safeguarding Children”](#) and any future versions of this.
4. Appointing a County Safeguarding Officer and ensuring they attend all current and future training modules required by the ECB.
5. Ensuring all people who work in cricket at, or for, Criced Cymru (such as staff, officials, volunteers, team managers, coaches and so on) have a responsibility for safeguarding children, and understand how the “Safe Hands Policy” applies to them.
6. Ensuring all individuals working within cricket at, or for, Criced Cymru are recruited and appointed in accordance with ECB guidelines and relevant legislation.
7. Ensuring all individuals working within cricket at, or for, Criced Cymru are provided with support, through education and training, so they are aware of, and can adhere to, good practice and Code of Conduct guidelines defined by the ECB, and Criced Cymru
8. Ensuring the name and contact details of the County Safeguarding Officer is available as the first point of contact for parents, children, and volunteers/staff
9. Ensuring that all recreational clubs that affiliate to Criced Cymru appoint a Club Safeguarding Officer, CSO (formally known as Club Welfare Officer), who is subsequently trained, and their name & contact details are made available to their club members and Criced Cymru. Their role includes:
  - Being the first point of contact for parents, children & volunteers/staff within the club,



- Being a local source of procedural advice for the club, its committee & its members
  - Being the main point of contact within the club for the County Safeguarding Officer (formally County Welfare Officer) and the Cricket Regulator Safeguarding Team
  - Being the main point of contact within the club for relevant external agencies in connection with child safeguarding (note the County Safeguarding Officer MUST always be involved when external agencies are involved – under no circumstances are clubs permitted to make arrangements/agreements without the consent of the County Safeguarding Officer or Cricket Regulator Safeguarding Team).
10. Ensuring correct and comprehensive reporting procedures exist for raising and managing child and adult safeguarding concerns.
  11. Providing an environment where the views of children, parents and volunteers are sought and welcomed on a range of issues. This will help us create an environment where people have the opportunity to voice any concerns (about possible suspected child abuse/neglect, and/or about poor practice) to the County Safeguarding Officer.
  12. Ensuring all suspicions concerns and allegations are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately.
  13. Ensuring access to confidential information relating to child safeguarding matters is restricted to those who need to know in order to safeguard children.

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Our County Safeguarding Officer is Chloe Stephenson, who can be contacted at 07546695202 or [safeguarding@cricketwales.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@cricketwales.org.uk)

The Cricket Regulator Safeguarding Team can be contacted via email: [safeguarding@cricketregulator.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@cricketregulator.co.uk) or phone: 0207 432 1200 asking for the Safeguarding Team.

If urgent and you cannot contact Chloe or the Cricket Regulator, you should call the Police on 101 or 999, or the NSPCC 24-hour helpline on 0808 800 5000.