

Policy Name	Lancashire Cricket Foundation Safeguarding Policy Statement
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Lancashire Cricket Foundation is committed to ensuring everyone participating in cricket, have a safe and positive experience.

We will do this by:

Recognising everyone participating in cricket regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability, have a right to have fun and be protected from harm in a safe environment.

Ensuring individuals working within cricket at, or for, Lancashire Cricket Foundation provide a safe, positive and fun cricketing experience for children.

Adopting and implementing the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) "Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children" and any future versions of the Safeguarding training.

Our County Safeguarding Lead attend all current and future Safeguarding training modules required by the ECB, so they have the necessary skills to carry out the role effectively.

Providing the Club and League Safeguarding Officers with the training required by the ECB, so they have the necessary skills to undertake their roles effectively.

Ensuring all people who work in cricket at, or for, Lancashire Cricket Foundation (such as staff, officials, volunteers, team managers, coaches etc) have attended and understand the Safeguarding Induction Training, Safeguarding Level 2 online course and the Safe Hands Course applies to them according to their level of contact with people in cricket.

Ensuring all individuals working within cricket at, or for, Lancashire Cricket Foundation, are recruited via the safer recruitment policy and appointed in accordance with ECB guidelines and relevant legislation.

Ensuring all individuals working within cricket at, or for, Lancashire Cricket Foundation 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 Lancashire Cricket Foundation.

Ensuring the name and contact details of the County Safeguarding Lead is available as:

- The first point of contact for Lancashire Cricket Foundation staff and volunteers
- The first point of contact for parents and children of Lancashire squad members
- The first point of contact for League and Club Safeguarding Officers
- A local source of procedural advice for Lancashire Cricket Foundation, its committee and members and affiliated Clubs and Leagues

- The main point of contact within Lancashire Cricket Foundation for the ECB Child Protection Team
- The main point of contact within Lancashire Cricket Foundation for relevant external agencies in connection with child protection and safeguarding
- The main point of contact with the schools DSL/DDSL to report any safeguarding concerns which may occur on the school premises

Ensuring correct and comprehensive reporting procedures are followed for raising and managing safeguarding concerns across the County. These procedures recognise the responsibility of the statutory agencies and are in accordance with predefined safeguarding procedures as set down by the ECB, Statutory Agencies and Local Safeguarding Children Foundation (LSCB) guidelines and policies.

Providing everyone connected with Lancashire Cricket Foundation, including children, parents, County staff, volunteers and Clubs, with the opportunity to voice any concerns they have about possible suspected risk of harm, and/or about poor practice, to the County Safeguarding Lead.

Ensuring all suspicions, concerns and allegations are taken seriously and dealt with effectively.

Ensuring access to confidential information relating to child safeguarding matters is restricted to the County Safeguarding Lead, their deputy and the appropriate external authorities, such as Children's Social Care, Police, and the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), as specified within ECB child safeguarding procedures.