



## Active Sussex Sport Welfare Officers - Overview for Clubs

### Active Sussex

We are part of the Active Partnership Network across England, and work with stakeholders across the county to build strong relationships. We aim to address inequality and empower everyone to move more in a way that works for them. Our goal is that everyone across Sussex can access the health and wellbeing benefits of being active.

### What is the Sport Welfare Officer Network?

We understand the work of Club Welfare/Safeguarding Officers can be hard at times and it can often feel like an isolated role. We're trying to change that. We can provide local support and opportunities to assist you in your roles.

Whether that's helping you meet your safeguarding responsibilities, connecting you with other club welfare officers or assisting you to grow your knowledge and skills - we are here to help.

Your sport may already have local or regional safeguarding staff who provide your club with support. If it does – these teams are still your primary contact. Sport Welfare Officers will work with these representatives and your National Governing Body to connect sports and promote good welfare locally.

Good welfare practice matters to everyone and together we want to help create environments in sport and physical activity which are positive and safe for all children, young people and adults.

### What is the purpose of the Sport Welfare Officer's role?

It is the Sport Welfare Officer's role to;

- Provide additional, local support for club welfare officers
- Signpost clubs to the right advice and guidance
- Work with club welfare officers to create a safer culture within their organisation
- Facilitate local training opportunities and events
- Create networks so that volunteers and staff feel better connected and informed
- Recognise, share and develop best practice
- Help raise awareness of safeguarding and welfare for young people and adults at local events

For the avoidance of doubt, it is **not** the Sport Welfare Officer's role to;

- Advise on or manage concerns – All concerns must be referred without delay in accordance with National Governing Body / Club Safeguarding Policy.



### Accessing local support

If you are interested in getting in touch about how you can be supported by our Sport Welfare Officers in Sussex, please contact us on [sportwelfare@activesussex.org](mailto:sportwelfare@activesussex.org) or 07752446584 / 07752446583

### Want to find out more about the network?

The network is funded by **Sport England** through an investment of **National Lottery funding**. Active Partnerships are working with National Governing Bodies, [NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit](#), [Ann Craft Trust](#), [Sport England](#) and other key safeguarding partners.

You can find out further information about the programme [here](#) or please contact the Active Partnerships National Organisation;

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