



Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

Report from Jill Anderson
ME Region Safeguarding Officer

As the Regional Safeguarding Officer, I together with Judy Doenhoff (SI Derby), have been working with a small Working Party of Safeguarding Leads, together with Shirley Jones the SIGBI Designated Safeguarding Office to review, revise and develop the SIGBI Safeguarding documentation, to ensure the requirements of the Charities Commission are met.

The SIGBI Board finalised the following documents in January:

- Safeguarding Policy
- Safeguarding Procedure
- Safeguarding Guidance
- Risk Assessment Tool
- Information on Patterns of Abuse and Indicators
- Safeguarding Reporting Form

The Risk Assessment Tool, is a new document and should be considered for all events / Programme Action . It is quite straight forwards and provides examples in order to complete it.

There is also a 3minute video, which all club members are required to see, it explains what people should do if they see something, which is not quite right or makes them feel uncomfortable, with the message 'If you see something, say something'.



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The video and documents are located on the SIGBI Website in the Members Area. The video is also available on You Tube <https://youtu.be/OiXJVQSha9k>.

It was disappointing that following the SIGBI Board in January, the FCC report sent out to regions advised that Safeguarding Leads / Links in our clubs were not mandatory; as they considered this may be too onerous for clubs and the Regional Safeguarding Officer should be adequate. The Safeguarding Working Party was anxious that the importance of Safeguarding should be clear to all our members. Following discussion at the Regional Officers meeting, it was agreed that this role should be seen as best practice, to emphasise the importance of Safeguarding. President Johanna did say that the Safeguarding Leads / Links recruited could continue in their roles.

Within SI Midlands East the Safeguarding Leads / Links are:

Gill O'Hagan	Amber Valley
Elaine McDonald	Buxton and District

TBC	Chesterfield
Judy Doenhoff	Derby
Margaret Wright	Kettering and District
Mandie Bland	Leicester
Jill Anderson	Lincoln
Janet Waters	Loughborough
Eileen Stewart	Mansfield
Ann Collin	Nottingham
Karen Cox	Peterborough
Stephanie Lakin	The Dukeries

A meeting with the Safeguarding Leads / Links was held in February. I value those undertaking this role and their contribution and I look forward to joining club meetings, supporting the implementation of 'Safeguarding Awareness'.