

Safeguarding and the Region



SINCE THE BEGINNING of lockdown, Carol McKeough, Regional Safeguarding lead has been meeting monthly with a small group of nominated regional safeguarding leads from across the UK and Shirley Jones, the SIGBI Designated Safeguarding Officer.

They have used 'GoToMeeting' which has given them the opportunity to share best practice, air views and discuss any concerns raised by members from across their regions who had read the existing SIGBI

Safeguarding Policy and wanted further clarification.

Presentations on the Safeguarding arrangements prepared by our Region and a Yorkshire version were shared as potential models of best practice, particularly as it was felt they explained the policy well. Some amendments to the policy were proposed which would need to be reflected in the presentation when agreed.

Discussions on training and issues relating to data protection and GDPR took place but it was recognised there is further work to be done.

In the interim, there is a requirement that each Soroptimist club has a safeguarding lead, who would receive advice and support from the Regional Safeguarding Officer. Can this please be actioned by all clubs by 31 July 2020.

CAROL MCKEOUGH, REGIONAL SAFEGUARDING LEAD
SOUTH EAST ENGLAND REGION

CLUB SAFEGUARDING LEADS NEEDED

Each club in the Region to identify a Soroptimist who has a working knowledge and understanding of safeguarding in relation to protection of children and vulnerable adults.

The Safeguarding lead will be responsible for recognising, responding, recording, and referring safeguarding issues within the club.

Please confirm the name of the Safeguarding lead for your club by July 31, 2020 to Carol McKeough at:

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