



Prestwich Cricket Club



Safeguarding Policy Statement for 'Children' and 'Adults at Risk'

Prestwich Cricket Club (the Club) is committed to ensuring everyone participating in cricket does so in a safe, friendly, secure, and enjoyable environment. Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do. We are also committed to providing a welcoming and inclusive environment for all children, young people, and adults at risk operating under the auspices of the Club.

It is a fundamental human right to be safe from harm and abuse, and the Club believes it is important to raise awareness of individuals in cricket who may be at risk. The Club will not tolerate abuse and is committed to providing a welcoming environment to all members of the community who wish to take part in cricket or any other activity at the Club venue.

The Club has an Inclusion & Diversity Policy which highlights the commitment to inclusion and welcomes diversity. Cricket can play an important part in the lives of children¹ and adults² who are considered 'vulnerable' or 'at risk'. As well as welcoming different people into the game, the Club is committed to supporting people's involvement, making reasonable adjustments where necessary and working in a flexible manner.

¹ 'Children' is defined as any person under the age of 18.

² By 'Adults at Risk' the Club is referring to people aged 18 or over who have health or social care needs (irrespective of whether or not these needs are being met by health or social care services) and are unable to safeguard themselves as a result, may be at risk of harm.*

**'social care needs' may relate to the specific circumstances the person is in – for example, someone living with domestic violence or abuse, someone experiencing or at risk of sexual or commercial exploitation, someone at risk of or in a forced marriage. This is not an exhaustive list and this definition is taken from the 2011 Law Commission review and has been adopted by the Sport's National Governing Body (the ECB) in association with a number of Sport Governing Bodies and the Sport and Recreation Alliance.*

The provision of a safe and welcoming environment for all, where people of all backgrounds, abilities and needs are welcomed, and reasonable adaptations are made to allow them to take part, will create a culture where poor practice will be apparent to all, and where abusive behaviours would not be tolerated. This policy provides the framework for taking action, when abuse may be taking place, whether this is within cricket or outside of the game.

We are committed to:

- Welcoming people into the sport and providing a positive experience that is genuinely inclusive
- Making adaptations in a flexible manner to allow people of different ability, disability and/or impairment to have positive experiences of cricket
- Taking action to protect Children and Adults involved in cricket that may be at risk
- Seeking ways to improve the safety and well-being of all 'children' and 'adults at risk' who take part in cricket, emphasising that everyone in cricket has a responsibility to ensure the safety and well-being of all people who take part
- Recognising that ability and disability can change over time, such that some people may be additionally vulnerable to abuse, for example those who have a dependency on others or have different communication needs;
- recognising that a disabled adult may or may not be identified as an 'adult at risk';
- improving outcomes for everyone by adhering to current legislation that supports the safeguarding of children and adults
- providing support and advice to everyone involved in cricket at all levels

We will do this by:

- Having the right people in place Manage our services in a way which minimises the risk of abuse occurring
- Creating the right culture and environment
- Ensuring clear processes are in place for reporting and responding to safeguarding concerns
- Supporting 'Adults at Risk' who are experiencing or have experienced Work with 'Adults at Risk' and other agencies to tackle
- any abuse that may occur
- Adopting the ECB's Safe Hands Policy and Guidance

Having the Right People in Place

Whilst everyone at our club has a responsibility for Safeguarding, we also have a designated Club Safeguarding Officer who has completed specialist Safe Hands training provided by the ECB.

The Club Safeguarding Officer is:

- The first point of contact for all children, parents/carers volunteers and members at the Club
- Responsible for ensuring that everyone who is working with children or adults at Risk at the

Club is subject to appropriate safer recruitment processes

- A member of our committee
- A source of safeguarding advice for the Club, its committee and members
- The Club's main point of contact for the County Safeguarding Officer, the ECB Safeguarding Team and other external safeguarding agencies
- The person responsible for ensuring correct and comprehensive reporting procedures exist for raising and managing safeguarding concerns.

Creating the Right Culture and Environment

All participants in cricket, regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability, have the right to enjoy the game in an environment that is safe from abuse of any kind. The Club recognises that safeguarding starts with setting high standards and promoting a positive culture which provides the best environment for participants to enjoy themselves and the game of cricket.

Anyone in a specialist role within the Club is also required to complete the Safeguarding for Specialist Roles training with the relevant additional module. This includes Captains and Team Managers, Coaches and Activators, Officials (Umpires and Scorers) and Committee Members.

- We encourage all of our members to complete the ECB online Safeguarding Induction
- We ensure that all individuals working at or for the Club are provided with the necessary support through education, training and continued professional development (CPD)
- We ensure that all individuals working at or for the Club are recruited and appointed in accordance with ECB Safer Recruitment guidance and relevant legislation and are committed to providing a welcoming, safe, and fun experience for children and adults at risk
- We promote a listening culture where the views of children, parents/carers, volunteers, adults at risk and other club members are proactively sought and acted upon. This helps us to create an environment where people have the opportunity and confidence to raise concerns, including concerns about poor practice, abuse and neglect
- We seek to create a partnership with parents/carers so that they know what to expect from us and what we expect of them
- We ensure that external organisations who are delivering services on behalf of the Club have safeguarding measures in place which meet the requirements of Safe Hands.

Reporting and Responding to Safeguarding Concerns

It is our aim that everyone at the Club should feel confident to raise a concern, no matter how small. We believe that raising and dealing with concerns quickly, when they occur, supports a proactive safeguarding culture at the Club.

All suspicions, concerns and allegations will be taken seriously. We will follow the 3R's with every

concern: **Responding** appropriately, **Recording** confidentiality and **Reporting** where necessary, ensuring that concerns are dealt with in a fair and prompt manner.

The Club recognises that it is not the responsibility of club members to determine or investigate if abuse has taken place, but to act upon and report any concerns promptly.

We ensure that confidential information relating to safeguarding matters is shared appropriately and only with those who need to know. Information may need to be shared with the County Safeguarding Officer, Cricket Regulator Safeguarding Team, or local agencies with statutory responsibility for safeguarding. If we are unsure, we will seek advice from our County Safeguarding Officer.

Adopting the ECB's Safe Hands Policy and Guidance

- The Club has formally adopted the ECB's Safe Hands Policy and guidance as part of our constitution
- The Club works within the ECB Safeguarding Procedure for the management of safeguarding investigations
- We ensure that all individuals who work and volunteer at or for our Club understand how Safe Hands applies to them.

Club Commitment

Prestwich CC are committed to this Safeguarding 'Children' and 'Adults at Risk' Policy Statement and will review it on an annual basis.

Date Completed: 25th April, 2026

Signed by:

Stephen Ward, CSO

Brian Lorenzini, Chairman

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