



SAFEGUARDING & WELFARE OF CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS

Summary Statement

Special Olympics Great Britain (Special Olympics GB) acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults that the charity seeks to benefit and are committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice.

The policies recognise that the welfare and interests of children and vulnerable adults are paramount in all circumstances. They aim to ensure that regardless of age, gender, religion or beliefs, ethnicity, disability sexual orientation or socio-economic background, all

- have a positive and enjoyable experience of sport with Special Olympics GB in a safe environment
- are protected from abuse whilst participating in Special Olympics GB activities

All staff and volunteers working with Special Olympics GB will:

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults
- adhere to the Special Olympics GB code of conduct
- ensure everyone (including volunteers) understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and are trained to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and vulnerable adults
- ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support is provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern
- ensure appropriate referrals are made to children or adults social care if significant harm has occurred or is suspected (ask advice if unsure)
- ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored
- through safer recruitment processes, including enhanced disclosure checks, standard application forms and references, prevent the employment of unsuitable individuals
- ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation and are reviewed at least annually.



Currently Special Olympics GB's full Policy on Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults in Sport contains:

- Special Olympics GB Child Protection Policy
- Special Olympics GB Adults Protection Policy
- Special Olympics GB Staff & Volunteers Code of Conduct
- Special Olympics GB Athlete & Unified Partner Code of Conduct
- Managing Allegations Policy
- Whistleblowing Statement (contained within each Protection Policy)

APPENDICES

- Special Olympics GB Safeguarding & Welfare Incident Report Form

As part of its annual policy review, SOGB is also currently reviewing and updating the following documents as part of its Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults in sport Policy:

- Lone Working
- Positive Handling Statement
- Restrictive physical intervention