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Special Olympics GB 2016 Statement : Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults

It is a priority for Special Olympics Great Britain (SOGB) to ensure that everyone can take part in opportunities that are inclusive and enjoyable and within safe environments. SOGB is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and will strive for the highest levels of accountability in promoting the welfare of all children and vulnerable adults and their right to be protected from harm.

Over the last 6 months, we have been working with a Child & Adult Safeguarding specialist to review and update our protection and welfare policies. As part of our commitment, SOGB has developed policies, procedures and guidelines to provide additional information detailing support for all our clubs and volunteers. These can now be found on our website ([HERE](#))

We are also working with the Child Protection In Sport Unit (CPSU) and NSPCC to support the forthcoming Games in Sheffield in developing a robust policy and procedures to safeguard all our participating athletes and volunteers.

We wish to work closely with all our clubs and volunteers to ensure that safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults is prioritised. Any allegation, suspicion of harm or concern is taken seriously and responded to swiftly, fairly and appropriately.

If you have a query or concern around a safeguarding issue, please contact Karen Wallin, CEO on 0207 375 7612 karen.wallin@sogb.org.uk