

Safeguarding Officer's Report November 2022

This year we have had several issues to deal with. Obviously, I cannot give details of individual cases but fortunately, all issues have been dealt with successfully. One issue is being monitored regularly but is progressing well at the moment. One of the issues involved some phone calls to Bowls England, who were very helpful, the others were dealt with in county.

Club safeguarding officers should know that they can always phone me if they have any concerns. If I can deal with them myself, I will. If that is not possible, I will contact Bowls England.

Of course, officers change regularly in clubs and, although we have organised quite a lot of courses over the last few years in Leicestershire, many of the people who attended those courses are no longer safeguarding officers of their clubs. Therefore, I am sure there are many questions that new safeguarding officers will have. There are courses for safeguarding young people and courses for safeguarding vulnerable adults available on-line through Bowls England. Pre Covid we could have organised face to face courses in the county but the on-line courses have received favourable comments from people using them. If you would like to take part in an on-line course and cannot manage to book one, let me know and I will help if I can.

Hopefully before next season, once club safeguarding officers are in place, I will be able to organise a meeting for anyone wishing to discuss safeguarding issues. Anyone with questions can, of course e mail me and I will do my best to help. If there are any safeguarding issues at your club, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Currently I am reviewing the County Safeguarding policy documents and the updated version and updated sheets will be on-line fairly soon

Joy Griffin, Bowls Leicestershire Safeguarding Officer.