

**MEETING SUMMARY FOR CIRCULATION**  
**Safeguarding Adults in Sport Strategic Partnership (SASSP)**  
**Tuesday 22 January 2019, Activity Alliance Offices, Manchester**

At the second meeting of the SASSP the Terms of Reference and Strategic Priorities documents were approved. These will be available on dedicated pages of the Ann Craft Trust website alongside relevant information about the SASSP, meeting summaries and links to all partner organisations. Communication about the work of the group is a key consideration and partner organisations are encouraged to promote the SASSP's existence within their organisations and across the wider sport safeguarding sector.

The group will keep its membership under review in particular in reference to NGB representation in future. All members are accountable to their organisations for communicating information to relevant individuals and departments.

The Ann Craft Trust are about to begin a pilot of the Safeguarding Adults in Sport Framework which is a criteria-based tool to support County Sports Partnerships (CSPs) and National Governing Bodies (NGBs) to develop their action plan and measure progress in developing a safe environment in their organisations and sports for all adults. The content of the Framework has been widely consulted on and once the system itself is checked the ACT plan to launch the standards to the wider sector in April 2019.

Over the next two years CSPs and NGBs will be asked to sign up for a self-selected 4-week window in which they would upload evidence against 6 criteria to the on-line tool. ACT will assess each completed submission and feedback will be provided via the online portal in support of their action plan. Prior to this the outcomes will be independently verified. The tool is designed to offer a supportive way to facilitate and monitor progress.

UK Sport and Sport England will encourage NGB participation and endorse the Framework although this will not be mandatory at this time.

Training strategies and Education Frameworks were discussed in particular in the context of the CIMPSA Professional Standards Matrix for Safeguarding Adults in Sport which the ACT had supported in development. The group agreed that whilst online training systems had a value, they are not a replacement for face-to-face training and were really only suitable as introductory and awareness modules.

There is a recognised need for quality assured training in safeguarding adults across the country in all areas of sport and for a coherent and cohesive way to articulate training needs for each role to NGBs, CSPs, Clubs and those working in the sector. ACT will look to work with the Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) to more closely align their Training Strategy with that of CPSU and CIMPSA Matrix.

The Data Collection & Case Management Project for Child Safeguarding Cases at Loughborough University, led by Daniel Rhind, is underway and will complete its first phase in October 2019. Thirty-six NGBs are engaged with the project and it is hoped that meaningful statistical conclusions about the extent and types of abuse cases that NGBs are facing can be made, as well as providing a base to monitor trends in future. There is an aspiration to extend this and/or develop a similar project to collate data about adult cases but a number of hurdles, including terminology and thresholds amongst others, would need to be overcome.

As an ongoing theme the SASSP group decided to regularly debate definitions and terminology used across sport, safeguarding and social care to understand better where there is potential for misunderstandings and misinterpretations, and to develop a short blog for publication after each meeting to reflect the discussion: the first word was 'transition' and the next meeting will consider the word 'thresholds'.

The next meeting in June 2019 will consider the Tanni-Grey Thomson Report and recommendations and which of these the SASSP should and could prioritise to support and promote collectively.

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