

Child Safeguarding Practice Review and Relevant Agency (England) Regulations 2018: Guidance for Sports Organisations

New [guidance](#) for sports organisations has been prepared by DCPM in liaison with DfE and in consultation with Sport England and CPSU . The [guidance](#) reiterates the existing responsibilities of sports organisations and clarifies new requirements through the Children and Social Act 2017. *‘Any safeguarding arrangements implemented locally will apply to any context which involves the provision of services for children – including small local sports clubs.’*

In short, safeguarding partners are required to make arrangements for themselves and any identified ‘relevant agencies’. Local sports organisations may now be called upon to join safeguarding partners in their formal arrangements, and if so are required to comply. In most instances the ‘relevant agency’ is likely to be an organisation which is large enough to support local strategic safeguarding plans and developments, for example CSPs, leisure providers or perhaps some larger professional sports clubs.

In order to fulfil their responsibilities in relation to safeguarding and child protection cases all sports providers should be aware of forthcoming changes in local statutory safeguarding arrangements. The [guidance](#) is intended to inform sports organisations about what this may mean in practice.