



**Role: Constituent Body Safeguarding Assistant**

**Supporting: Constituent Body Safeguarding Manager**

**Nature and scope:**

Safeguarding, and making rugby as safe as possible, are the joint responsibility of all involved in the game. Good safeguarding practise must be embedded across all clubs to support the promotion of a proactive approach to safeguarding children and adults in the game.

The Constituent Body Safeguarding Assistant is responsible for championing safeguarding and Rugby's Core Values throughout the CB and providing support to the CBSM.

**Accountabilities:**

The CBSA is accountable for:

- Leading and supporting Club Safeguarding Officers (CSOs) in the Constituent Body (CB) and ensuring they are taken through an appropriate induction process, as per RFU guidance.
- Monitoring the compliance of clubs in their CB regarding DBS checks and applications for volunteers in regulated activity. Supporting CSOs in managing safer recruitment.
- Offering guidance and support to clubs in developing their own safeguarding practices
- Ensuring that the CSO reports all safeguarding concerns appropriately in line with the RFU Policy and Regulation 21.
- Supporting the CSO in managing and coordinating safeguarding training amongst their club. This includes ensuring the CSO knows the appropriate training requirements for individuals, keeps up-to-date records of training and is proactive in ensuring compliance amongst volunteers
- Ensuring that clubs within the CB are compliant with the annual RFU Safeguarding audit, and supporting clubs in ensuring this is completed on time.
- Providing support to other CB departments where safeguarding advice is needed, for example relating to tour applications, festivals and requests to play out of age group.
- Being proactive in distributing new guidance, updates and information from the RFU to CSOs in the CB, and encouraging communication and best practise sharing within the CB
- Engaging in relevant safeguarding training, including attending the RFU's CB Safeguarding Manager Conference if required, and completing an appropriate induction process



- Offering support and guidance to Sub Committees and Representative Squads and provide supported to the CBSM.
- Where appropriate, communicate with the Discipline Secretary regarding cases and complaints that may involve safeguarding concerns and support the CSO involved in said concerns. During these instances, the CBSA via the CBSM, should refer to the RFU's 'Collaboration between safeguarding and discipline guidance', and contact the RFU Safeguarding and/or Discipline team for advice

#### **Knowledge, skills and abilities:**

##### **The CBSA should:**

- Have a working knowledge of safeguarding in rugby and understand the safeguarding referral process to external bodies, such as the police and statutory agencies
- Be aware of, and understand how to apply the RFU Safeguarding Children Policy, Safeguarding Adults Policy, Regulation 21, as well as Regulations 9 and 15 to their role
- Have a child and/or adult at risk-centred approach to their role and encourage others to do the same
- Maintain key relationships within the CB Executive Committee, the CSOs, the RFU Safeguarding Team and CB Relationship Managers
- Be confident in assessing when there is immediate harm, where police or social care need to be informed as a matter of urgency, and in these situations, be confident in sharing information with those agencies and ensuring this is followed by a referral to the RFU Safeguarding Team at the earliest possible moment
- Be able to remain calm and professional at all times and understand the requirements of handling sensitive and confidential information.

#### **Requirements:**

##### **The CBSA must:**

- Undertake the appropriate safeguarding training as prescribed by the RFU, which includes attending the annual RFU CBSM Conference if required, Play it Safe and In Touch.
- Be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service Check, with an enhanced check of the barred list.
- Support the CSO in completing the RFU safeguarding self-audit in line with the requirements of Regulation 21.



**Useful resources:**

- The RFU Safeguarding Team: [safeguarding@rfu.com](mailto:safeguarding@rfu.com)
- NSPCC: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>
- Childline: <https://www.childline.org.uk/>
- Local Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub: <https://www.gov.uk/report-child-abuse-to-local-council>
- the RFU Safeguarding Children Policy
- the RFU Adult Children Policy
- Regulations 9, 15 and 21
- UK Coaching Safeguarding Adults Course