

Priority Actions for Change


From Evidence to Action:

Co-developed centering the views of a Lived Experience Committee, with input from community sport volunteers.

Structural Changes for sport & mainstream child safeguarding

Educational initiatives:

 Teach volunteers to recognise all forms of abuse, including normalised behaviors

 Train volunteers to respond with trauma-informed principles:
Listen, Believe, Support & Act

Develop resources with volunteers & survivors to ensure relevance and practicality

Cultural change campaigns to replace harmful myths with new beliefs, centering lived experience stories:

 "It is extremely rare for children to lie about abuse"

 "It is better to make a mistake than not to report abuse"



Sport governance reforms:

Investigations of child abuse should be conducted by independent bodies.

Leverage existing safeguarding systems: for example, integrate education with *Working With Children Checks*

Individual Actions

- Send an Email**
Share safeguarding policies & contact details
- Start a Conversation**
Normalise asking children and their parents how they are doing and what the clubs can do better
- Show accountability**
Every volunteer is responsible for the wellbeing of children and should act as such