

Safeguarding Bulletin

August 2026

DBS update on supervision

From **1 September 2026**, changes to safeguarding legislation will affect some staff and volunteers who work with children in bowls.

Currently, some coaches, volunteers and helpers who work with children are **not considered to be in "regulated activity"** if they are adequately supervised by someone who is already in regulated activity. This means they cannot usually be checked against the Children's Barred List.

From **1 September 2026**, this supervision exemption is being removed. This means that anyone who **teaches, coaches, instructs, cares for, or supervises children** regularly, or works with them overnight, may now be classed as being in **regulated activity with children**, even if they are supervised by another coach or member of staff

Regulated Activity

The work is done often enough, or overnight, if it occurs:

- **on more than 3 days in any 30-day period**
- **once overnight, between 2am and 6am**

What should your club do?

Take a few minutes to review your current arrangements. Not every volunteer will be affected, so there is no need to arrange new DBS checks for everyone.

If you are unsure whether the changes affect anyone in your club, speak to your County or NGB Lead Safeguarding Officer for advice.

[Read the GOV.UK guidance](#)

National Survey

It's not too late for clubs to complete the 2026 club and volunteer survey. It only takes around 10 minutes and those who complete the survey and choose to provide their email address will be entered into a prize draw to win a £250 Amazon Gift Voucher!!!

 **Survey closes: Monday 7 September 2026**

 **Complete the survey:** <https://bit.ly/ClubAndVolunteerSurvey2026>

NSPCC Sport

The Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) are now called NSPCC Sport.

Whilst they have a new name the mission remains the same to keep children safe in sport and physical activity.

Check out the webpage to see what help and advice they give and the resources and training that is available to you.

<https://sport.nspcc.org.uk/>

