

Safeguarding Bulletin

September 2026

DBS update on supervision

The removal of the supervision exemption will affect some staff and volunteers **who work with children in bowls.**

What you must do now

Your club must review all roles of those who teach, coach, supervise, care for or transport children.

Roles such as:

- Junior and Assistant Junior Coaches,
- Safeguarding Officers (covers care for)
- Volunteer helpers at junior sessions
- Event helpers working with young bowlers
- People transporting children as part of a club or bowls activity
- Any other role that involves regular contact with children under 18

Questions for each role

- Does the role involve children under 18?
- Does the role involve teaching, coaching, training, instructing, caring for or supervising children?

If yes, they need a minimum of an enhanced DBS check.

However, if they do this

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

Then it is Enhanced with Children's Barred list check

<https://www.gov.uk/find-out-dbs-check>

National Survey

Have Your Say

There is still time to complete our National Club and Volunteer Survey!

If you volunteer at a bowls club in any capacity, we want to hear from you.

Whether you're a committee member, coach, welfare officer, greenkeeper, competition organiser, administrator or simply someone who helps out when needed, your experience matters.

The survey takes around 10 minutes to complete and all responses are confidential.

<https://bit.ly/ClubAndVolunteerSurvey2026>

Week of Learning

October Week of Learning is back and now open for bookings!

The Safeguarding training will cover **Bystander Awareness**

This one-hour online session will explore how we can all play a role in creating a safe and supportive environment within bowls.

Monday 12th October

Safeguarding: Bystander Awareness:
6pm–7pm

Thursday 15th October

Safeguarding: Bystander Awareness:
10am–11am.

Book here: [Week of Learning - Bowls Development Alliance](#)

