

Safeguarding Support Officer Apprenticeship

Supporting Children, Young People and Adults Across Sport, Leisure and Physical Activity

Building Safer Sporting Environments

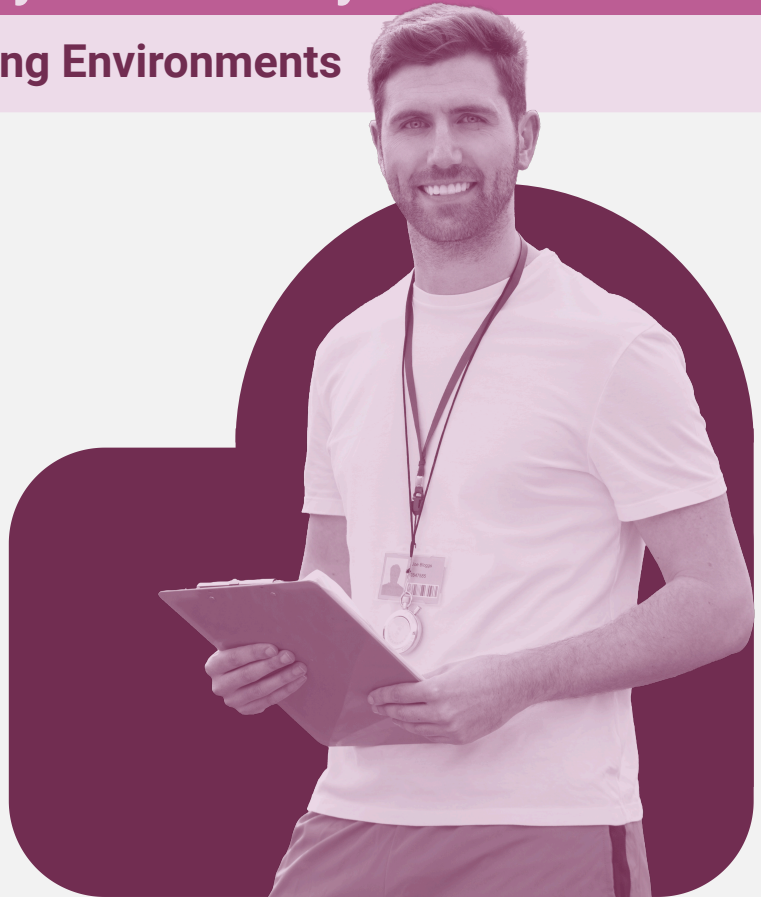
Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

Sport and activity organisations play a vital role in creating environments where participants can thrive safely, confidently and inclusively.

Whether supporting children in football academies, adults in community sport, or vulnerable individuals accessing leisure services, effective safeguarding is essential.

Safeguarding is no longer just a compliance requirement - it is central to creating safe, inclusive and participant-centred sports organisations (Sport England 'Whyte Review', 2022 updated 2025) and officers, designated safeguarding leads and coaches should have the knowledge, skills and assurance to identify and escalate concerns.

The Safeguarding Support Officer Apprenticeship helps organisations develop the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to strengthen safeguarding practice across all areas of sport and physical activity.



Ideal For Sports and Leisure Professionals

Including:

- ⚽ Welfare Officers
- ⚽ Club Safeguarding Officers
- ⚽ Academy Administrators
- ⚽ Sports Development Officers
- ⚽ Community Coaches
- ⚽ Leisure Centre Managers
- ⚽ Activity Coordinators
- ⚽ Youth Engagement Teams
- ⚽ Community Sports Staff
- ⚽ Operations and Compliance Teams
- ⚽ Holiday Club Leads
- ⚽ Programme Coordinators

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Benefits for Your Organisation

- Strengthen Your Safeguarding Arrangements
- Develop confident safeguarding practitioners
- Support designated welfare and safeguarding officers
- Promote safer participation across all activities
- Strengthen governance and compliance
- Improve participant, parent and community confidence
- Enhance safeguarding culture throughout the organisation
- Support continuous improvement and best practice

What Learners Will Develop

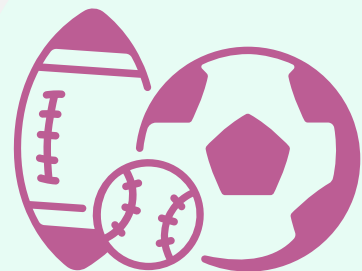
- Understanding safeguarding legislation and responsibilities
- Recognising vulnerability, abuse and exploitation
- Effective reporting and escalation processes
- Multi-agency working
- Professional curiosity and risk assessment
- Record keeping and information sharing
- Supporting individuals to access the right services
- Creating positive safeguarding cultures
- Supporting inclusion, wellbeing and participant welfare

Suitable Across

- Football Academies
- Sports Clubs
- Leisure Trusts
- Community Organisations
- Youth Services
- Local Authorities
- Multi-Sports Providers
- Holiday Activity Programmes
- Physical Activity Providers

Funding Available

Apprenticeship
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