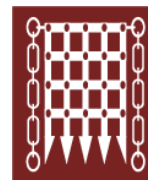


**Westminster Media Forum policy conference:
Priorities for safeguarding in the UK sports sector**

Timing: Morning, Monday, 22nd April 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Safety in sport in the UK - challenges and priorities for tackling abuse**
Sam Peters, Journalist and Media Campaigner, Concussed Media
Dr Emma Kavanagh, Associate Professor in Sport Psychology and Safe Sport, Bournemouth University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.40 **Reviewing safeguarding procedures - establishing a national standard, conducting regular reviews, and prioritising safety**
Geraldine Costello, Director of Welfare and Safe Sport, British Gymnastics
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.05 **Safeguarding athletes and staff**
Next steps following issues raised in key recent reviews | Ensuring athlete safety is prioritised | Harmonisation of policies across the sector | Assessing proposals for an overarching independent regulator | Stakeholder responsibilities | Improving working conditions and facilities | Investment and regulatory strategy
Dr Niall Elliott, Head of Sports Medicine, Scottish Institute of Sport; and Chief Medical Officer, British Olympic Association
Professor Bill Ribbans, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon and Professor of Sport Medicine, Progressive Rugby
Richard Bush, Partner, Bird and Bird
Jill Thorburn, Director, Mind Of My Own
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **Making sport accessible - developing accessibility and inclusivity, ensuring safety for athletes and coach**
Anne Tiivas, Chair, Safe Sport International
- 11.25 **Addressing inequalities in sport**
Increasing participation and diversity across sports | Reducing gender, race and disability disparities | Measures in the Government's Get Active strategy | Role of the Sport Welfare Officer Network | Priorities for training, funding and dispute resolution
John Downes, Head of Youth and Sport and Designated Safeguarding Lead, StreetGames
Adam Murphy, National Awards Manager, SportsAid
Senior representative, local sports
Senior commentator
- 11.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 **Implementing safeguarding and diversity policies at all levels**
Regulatory frameworks going forward | Role of new safeguarding measures in the Government's policy agenda | Investing in training and facilities | Prioritising coordination and joint-working | Stakeholder responsibilities | Harmonising policies across the sector
Senior representative, school
Senior representative, governing body
Senior representative, grassroots club
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Future priorities for safeguarding in UK sports**
Simon Mason, Head of Sport Strategy, DCMS
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Media Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Media Forum