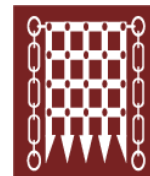


**Westminster Media Forum policy conference:  
Priorities for safeguarding in the UK sports sector**

*Timing: Morning, Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024*

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Dr Keith Parry**, Head of Department for Sport and Event Management, Bournemouth University
- 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**  
*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**  
**Dr Keith Parry**, Head of Department for Sport and Event Management, Bournemouth University
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Dr Ellie Gennings**, Senior Lecturer in Sports Coaching, Bournemouth University
- 11.15 **'Creating an inclusive framework for safeguarding - ensuring safe, inclusive and enjoyable environments for all'**  
**Anne Tiivas**, Chair, Safe Sport International
- 11.25 **Addressing inequalities in sport and implementing safeguarding and diversity policies at all levels**  
*increasing participation and diversity across sports | reducing gender, race and disability disparities | measures in the Get Active strategy | role of the Sport Welfare Officer Network | regulatory frameworks | investment in training and facilities | stakeholder responsibilities | harmonising policies across the sector*  
**John Downes**, Head of Youth and Sport and Designated Safeguarding Lead, StreetGames  
**Adam Murphy**, National Awards Manager, SportsAid  
**Rachel Williams**, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Women in Sport  
**Donna Fraser**, Director of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Professional Cricketers' Association  
**Vivien Rimmer**, Head of Safeguarding, Rugby Football Union
- 11.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Future priorities for safeguarding in UK sports**  
**Simon Mason**, Head of Sport Strategy, Department for Culture, Media & Sport  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Media Forum closing remarks**  
**Dr Ellie Gennings**, Senior Lecturer in Sports Coaching, Bournemouth University  
**Thomas Howard**, Westminster Media Forum