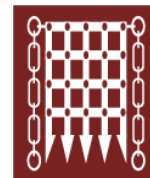


**Westminster Media Forum policy conference:  
Priorities for safeguarding in the UK sports sector**

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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 **'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**  
*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  
**Rachel Williams**, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Women in Sport  
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*  
**Donna Fraser**, Director of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Professional Cricketers' Association  
Senior representative, school  
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