

Club Welfare Officers' News

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From Karly Good, Regional Welfare Officer

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Instead of running this year's East Region Club Welfare Officer's Day, British Gymnastics are running a South Conference for all clubs in the south of the country. The South conference will take place on Sunday 14th May 2017 at K2 Leisure Centre, Pease Pottage Hill, Crawley, RH11 9BQ. You can enrol onto this Conference by going to: <https://www.british-gymnastics.org/course/20531/welfare-officer>

BRITISH GYMNASTICS UPDATE

There have been some staff changes within the Safeguarding department since the last newsletter. The department is now made up of Mike Harrison MBE (Lead Officer), Linda Callaway and Catherine Powell. If you need to email them directly for any reason, their email address is: ethics@british-gymnastics.org.

TIME TO LISTEN COURSE

I have been asked on numerous occasions recently if the Time To Listen courses that are run by local partnerships (i.e. Active Essex / ActivLives) are sufficient training for a Club Welfare Officer. I can advise that British Gymnastics do not recognise these courses, only those run by British Gymnastics which are sport specific.

If anyone requires a Time To Listen course, please complete a 'course interest' form on the British Gymnastics website. This information will then be relayed to Michelle Ellis, Course Organiser for our region.

NEW REPORTING MECHANISM FOR REGIONAL WELFARE OFFICERS

British Gymnastics Ethics and Welfare department have put in place a new reporting mechanism for Regional Welfare Officers to advise them of issues that are happening in our clubs. Whilst it is very important that you still follow the current reporting procedures for dealing with incidents in your clubs, please would you now also email myself, Verity or your County Welfare Officer to advise of all incidents, regardless of whether they require further intervention or simply to advise us of the issue. This way, British Gymnastics Safeguarding department will be familiar with the types of issues that we are dealing with in our roles and therefore will be able to provide more appropriate support. The following email addresses can be used for this purpose or if you prefer, you can telephone us directly.

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east.rwo2@british-gymnastics.org	(Verity)
beds.cwo@british-gymnastics.org	(Angela)
cambs.cwo@british-gymnastics.org	(Andrew)
herts.cwo@british-gymnastics.org	(Teresa)

COUNTY WELFARE OFFICERS

Whilst our current County Welfare Officers do a fantastic job in their role, we are still short of County Welfare Officers for Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex. If you would be interested in taking on this role or know someone that would, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me and I will be happy to provide you with some more information.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy 2017