

## **NWRRRC Conference Welfare Officers Forum Summary**

Officers were asked four questions as part of the session

- What were you told being a welfare officer would involve?
- What does the role actually involve?
- What knowledge and skills do you need?
- What support do you need from your club, the region, and BR?

### **Feedback from the questions included the following discussion points:**

- some officers felt the welfare officer role was only focussed on junior members, while others feel it about the welfare of all members, including coaches and volunteers.
- Welfare officers would welcome the opportunity to meet for a full day to discuss challenges and find solutions. The role can be very isolating so it is important for clubs and BR to support welfare officers when they are dealing with cases.

### **Training**

-The group was reminded that all coaches (not just junior coaches), club officers and welfare officers should update their safeguarding training every three years. This is through a UK Coaching course 'Safeguarding and Protecting Children in Sport'. You can find your nearest course on the UK Coaching website <https://www.ukcoaching.org/courses/workshops/safeguarding-protecting-children>

-Welfare Officers should all undertake the 'Time to Listen' Course, which are delivered through the Active Partnerships (formerly County Sports Partnerships) eg Active Cheshire.

### **Further Information**

- A job description for a club welfare officer will be available on ClubHub in the very near future.
- There is a request for regular welfare updates, similar to the safety updates.