

SG 5.1 British Cycling and Information Sharing

The purpose of this document is to brief British Cycling members and volunteers on information sharing policies and to encourage them to use these when they have a safeguarding concern to report. This should provide individuals with the confidence to report a concern in the knowledge that the issue will be dealt with sensitive and professional manner.

British Cycling supports the Child Protection in Sport Unit "Information Sharing Protocol" May 2010.

Information sharing is an important part of ensuring Children and Vulnerable Adults are appropriately safeguarded. Some high profile Safeguarding cases have occurred where a number of parties have held information on an individual and not reported this on appropriately. Had they done so then the child or vulnerable adult may have been protected from further harm at an earlier time and the "abuser" may have been appropriately sanctioned.

British Cycling urges anyone who;

1. has a concern about a child or vulnerable adult or
2. who is concerned with an anyone's behaviour towards a child or vulnerable adult.
For example, a child exhibiting sexually explicit behaviour or an over tactile coach

to report their concerns to the British Cycling SLO. A failure to do so could be to the detriment of all concerned.

By passing the information on the British Cycling SLO will advise the individual reporting the concern on how this will progress. Additionally by passing this information on British Cycling will be able to ensure it completes its obligations by involving external agencies as appropriate.

For further detail see the Child Protection in Sport Unit "Information Sharing Protocol" at http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/cpsu/resources/briefings/information_sharing_wdf76117.pdf .