**Role and Responsibilities of the National Lead Safeguarding Officer**

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| **Knowledge** | **Skills** | **Tasks** |
| * Understanding of the legislation, government guidance and national framework for child protection
* Understanding of the role and responsibilities of statutory agencies and Local Safeguarding Children Boards
* Understanding of the planning processes - children ‘in need’ - child protection enquiries/investigations
* Understanding of the types of behaviour which is harmful to children - thresholds of ‘poor practice’ - ‘abusive behaviour’
* Understanding of Rounders England’s role and responsibilities
* Understanding of Rounders England’s policy and procedures related to child protection
* Understanding of the core values and principles of working with children
* Understanding of equality and diversity issues and child protection
* Understand how abusers target and groom organisations in order to
* abuse children
* Understand and demonstrate best practice in prevention
 | * Child-focused approach
* Administration and systems (records) management
* Ability to promote and demonstrate anti-discriminatory practice
* Advice and support provision - all levels within the organisation
* Communication skills
* Ability to develop and produce national level guidance and resources
* Influencing skills and ability to work with conflict and with emotionally distressing matters
 | * Lead role in development and establishment of Rounders England’s approach to safeguarding children and young people
* Key role in within Rounders England’s management
* Management of cases of poor practice/abuse reported to the organisation - including records system
* Management of referrals to Children’s Social Care Services and Police
* Central point of contact for internal and external individuals/agencies
* Represent Rounders England at external meetings related to child protection
* Co-ordinate dissemination of policy, procedures and resources throughout the organisation
* Provide advice and support to Welfare officers
* Advise on Rounders England ’s child protection training needs and development of its training strategy
* Maintain confidentiality regarding cases
* Lead role in maintaining and reviewing Rounders England ’s Child Protection Implementation Plan
* Ensure “standards” are met
* Keep up to date with own knowledge and skills
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| **Training & Support** |
| The National Lead Safeguarding Officer will be provided with support and training and has attended:* UK Coaching’s Safeguarding & Protecting Children workshop
* CPSU Time to Listen workshop
* CRD Risk assessment workshop

The National Lead Safeguarding Officer has also been provided with a range of resources that explain the roles and responsibilities of agencies outside of the sport including:* Working Together to Safeguard Children
* What to do if you’re worried a child is being abused

The National Safeguarding Officer will be asked to liaise with their Local Safeguarding Children Board to keep abreast of current information. |