

KEY ACTION AREA 7.1:

Staff and volunteers are trained and supported to effectively implement the SSA's child safety and wellbeing policy.

OVERVIEW

It is important that your SSA trains and supports its staff and volunteers to effectively implement the child safety and wellbeing policy and abide by the [Child Safety Code of Conduct](#). Although policy and procedure documentation is important to have in place, without effective implementation it will not encourage or enable a child safe environment. Effective implementation of your child safety and wellbeing policy can be achieved by the steps outlined below.

Firstly, all your SSA staff and volunteers, including leaders, need to be trained to understand their child safety responsibilities. The training and resources provided to your SSA staff and volunteers need to be accessible, evidence-based, from trusted sources, up-to-date, relevant and regularly reviewed.

Your SSA's child safety resources – or information about those resources – can be displayed in any of your buildings (for example office space, stadiums, training grounds etc) and also on an internal intranet if you have one. This will raise awareness of the information regularly and consistently among staff and volunteers.

Continuous professional development and training needs to be provided to support ongoing awareness and implementation of child safe and friendly practices within your SSA. Click [here](#) to find out about upcoming True Sport Child Safeguarding training.



<p>EXAMPLE SSA ACTIONS TO WORK TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING KEY ACTION AREA 7.1</p>	<p>Training addresses the needs of all staff and volunteers in the SSA, including leaders, to ensure they have the knowledge and information required to understand their responsibilities.</p>
	<p>Training and resources provided to staff/volunteers are accessible, evidence-based and reviewed regularly.</p>
	<p>Resources shared within the SSA are from trusted sources and include relevant and up-to-date information about establishing and maintaining safety and wellbeing for children and young people.</p>
	<p>Resources (or information about resources) are clearly displayed in SSA buildings for staff and volunteers to see, as well as on any internal intranet.</p>
	<p>Ongoing professional development/training is provided to support ongoing responsiveness to, and application of, child safe and friendly practices within the SSA and address any identified gaps in knowledge or understanding.</p>

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