

# Durham County RugbySafe Lead

## Role & Responsibilities

Player Welfare is the joint responsibility of all involved in the game. It is important that good practice is embedded across the game to promote a proactive approach to player welfare and safety.

The County RugbySafe Lead should be an individual (or a team of individuals) in the County who leads on improving Regulation 9 (Player Safety) standards, promoting awareness and good practice of other player welfare initiatives. Using the RugbySafe guidance and resources they will support clubs and lead on County related projects.

### Responsibilities

- RugbySafe Champion  
Act as a RugbySafe Champion, utilising the RFU's RugbySafe resources and guidelines (HEADCASE, Activate etc.) to promote best practice across the County and clubs. Inspire and engage club RugbySafe Leads and other volunteers to increase awareness of everyone's responsibility in supporting player welfare. Work with County colleagues and other County RugbySafe Leads to ensure consistency of approach on player welfare matters.
- Club Support  
Act as a contact for clubs on behalf of the RFU, support clubs to increase awareness and understanding of Regulation 9, RugbySafe and other player welfare topics. Engage with Club RugbySafe Leads regularly including highlighting and sharing best practice examples.
- Local Planning and Initiatives  
Review and manage budget requirements for any local player welfare initiatives. Input into the County local planning process, to identify funding for projects and opportunities to support player welfare across all levels of the game.
- First Aid / Immediate Care Pitch-side Provision  
Communicate to clubs the need for an annual review of a first aid specific risk assessment to ensure that every training session and match have the appropriate first aid (FA) and/or immediate care (IC) provision and is compliant with the RFU's Regulation 9.
- Facilitate an annual first aid specific risk assessment for the County Representative Rugby programme to ensure that every training session and match have the appropriate FA/IC provision in place, in line with Regulation 9 (Player Safety). Have a process in place for the management of CB FA/IC supplies and equipment.
- Training  
Promote and/or organise training opportunities to ensure all County Representative Rugby programme appointed first aiders and immediate care practitioners are trained and up-to-date with an appropriate level of qualification, in-line with RFU guidelines. Communicate FA/IC training opportunities with clubs to support them in ensuring their FA/IC provision is in-line with RFU guidelines.
- Reporting  
Ensure that Durham County and clubs complete the RugbySafe and Player Welfare tab on their RFU Game Management profile. Highlight the need to keep records of player medical conditions, monitor injuries and report incidents/injuries in line with RFU guidelines, including RFU Reportable Events.