

National Safeguarding Report 2023

Safeguarding has seen big strides made in the last few months, from the numerous Garda Vetting & Access NI applications, club safeguarding statements and risk assessments which are signed by clubs in their affiliations each year, Safeguarding Self-Assessment Audit and in particular the level of interest in Safeguarding 1 courses IABA staff are rolling out.

We rolled out 3 courses online in June, July & October and have plans to roll out more.

There was a new SG committee established this year:

- Darren McGavin
- Paddy McLaverty
- Pdraig McCullough

Sally Ann Kinch is our new Garda Vetting Liaison Person, assisting with GV applications.

To get vetted, please navigate to our website iaba.ie and select Safeguarding/Garda Vetting to find the documents and follow instructions.

Don't forget, supply photo ID, provide individual email for application as a follow up will go to that email.

Since last AGM, we have Garda Vetted:

- 673 vetting applications submitted
- 180 vetting applications expired

We have 4 new Safeguarding 1 Tutors being trained at the moment:

- Gabe Cronnelly – Children's Officer Monivea BC & Galway SP
- Paul Hayes – Former SG Manager and Children's Officer Olympic BC Galway
- Maeve Clarke – Ballinacarrow BC & Sligo DO
- Kristian Bunici - Clonard BC Wexford & Cork DO

So much great work done this year and lots set up for future achievements within Safeguarding, a massive thank you to Paul Hayes for his amazing attitude and everything he has given to Boxing in his time as SG manager.

Summary

Children who have positive early experiences of boxing are more likely to continue to some degree of lifelong participation.

This contributes to their ongoing physical and emotional wellbeing in adulthood.

Boxing, therefore, has a lot to offer children – provided it takes place in an environment that is safe, promotes fun, and respects the physical and emotional health and wellbeing of each individual athlete.