



## County Safeguarding Officer Report 2020

Obviously 2020 has been a very difficult year in every way. LTA visits have continued to clubs and counties when they have been allowed. 28 venues have now been visited in Devon which is 38% of our total. Outcomes have been mixed. Across the South West in general, 42 venues are excellent whilst 11 require improvement. Reported cases have not died down with Covid however and the National Tennis Centre is receiving 63 cases a week to investigate, we cannot be complacent. As well as visits to clubs, spot checks are planned at Performance Centres and Tournaments in 2021.

A new LTA Safeguarding Strategy is about to be released for 2020-2023 and will include the following things:

**Training & Development** - To ensure everyone involved in tennis has appropriate safeguarding training and development to ensure a skilled workforce.

**Awareness & Engagement** - Raising awareness of safeguarding standards and promoting good practice

**Safeguarding Standards** - Ensuring our industries leading support and inspection process evolves through continuous improvement.

**Case Management** - Robust case management procedures to safeguard children and adults at risk

**Competitions** - To ensure consistent safeguarding standards are implemented at all levels of competition

**Governance** - Ensure best in class governance with robust processes, policies and procedures, as recognised by the external inspectorate.

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