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SAFEGUARDING: BOWLS SA PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GUARDIAN

Bowls SA is proud to announce that we will be entering into a Partnership with The Guardian with reference to Safeguarding issues. The Guardian is South Africa's only fully comprehensive Reactive and Proactive Safeguarding Company, and was established in 2009 by the current Managing Director, Marc Hardwick, who is a former SAPS Child Protection Unit Investigator.

The Bowls SA current National Designated Safeguarding Officer (and Vice-President), David Hamer, will be working closely with The Guardian to firstly establish a rollout plan for the implementation of safeguarding at all levels starting in January 2024 with a perceived completion date of December 2025.

The Bowls SA National Designated Safeguarding Officer will ensure that all Provincial, District and Club Committees are kept informed of the way forward.

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