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Safeguarding Forum

20 July 2021

The session will
begin shortly.



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Areas we'll cover this evening:

- Safeguarding policies
- Qualifications
- Checks
- Training
- Dealing with a concern

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Key Updates

Safeguarding Policies

- <https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/safeguardingandsafety>

Notes for clubs to consider:

- Has your club a safeguarding policy? Many adopt and follow British Orienteering's.
- Does your website have a safeguarding section?
- How accessible is the safeguarding policy?
- Would member know how to report a concern?

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Coaches Safeguarding Qualification

- https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/licenced_coaches

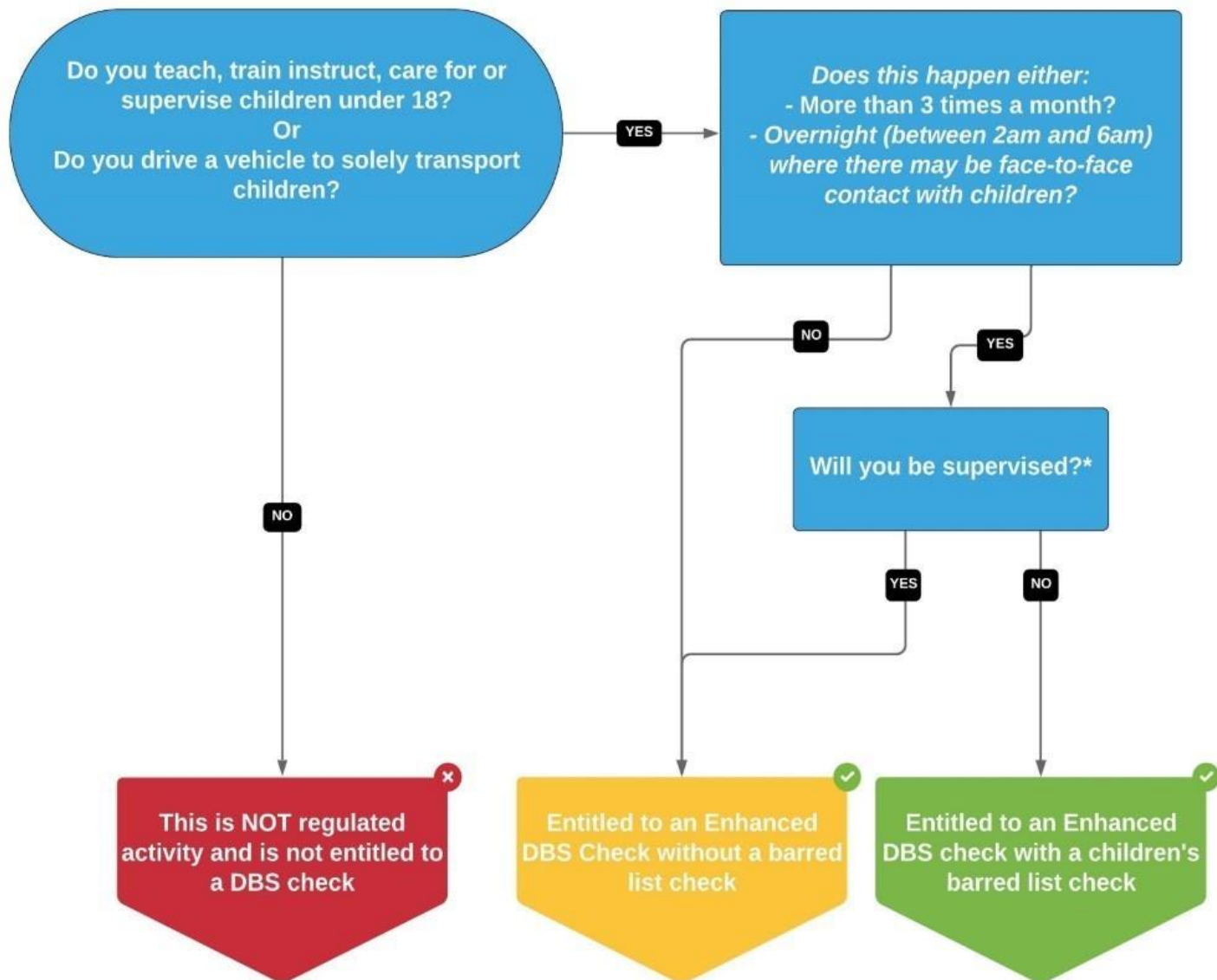
- A safeguarding qualification is now a requirement as part of the coaches license.
- The link above will provide other links to courses.
- British Orienteering eLearning platform
<https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/elearningcourses>

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DBS/ PVG/ Access NI

- <https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/safeguardingchecks>
- There are different processes depending on where you live.
- Most coaches and support staff will need a check.



*Government guidance states that supervision must be "reasonable in all the circumstances to ensure the protection of children".

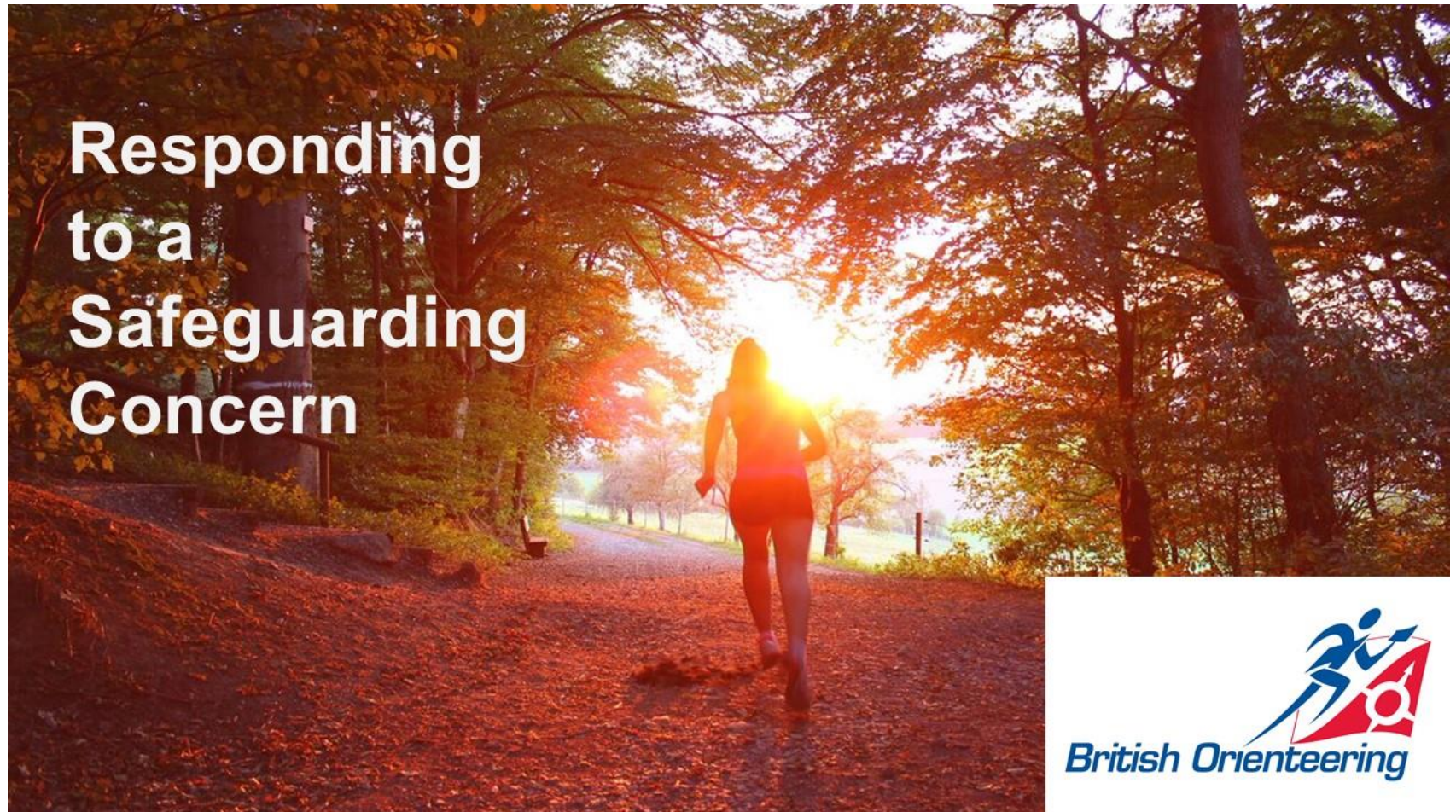
This means that it:

- Is "regular and day to day" (supervision must not be concentrated in first few weeks and then tail off)
- And is undertaken by someone who is in Regulated Activity themselves.

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Responding to a Safeguarding Concern



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3 Top Tips

1. Show you care, help them open up

2. Take your time, slow down

3. Show you understand, reflect back

*Top tips adapted from CPSU March 2021

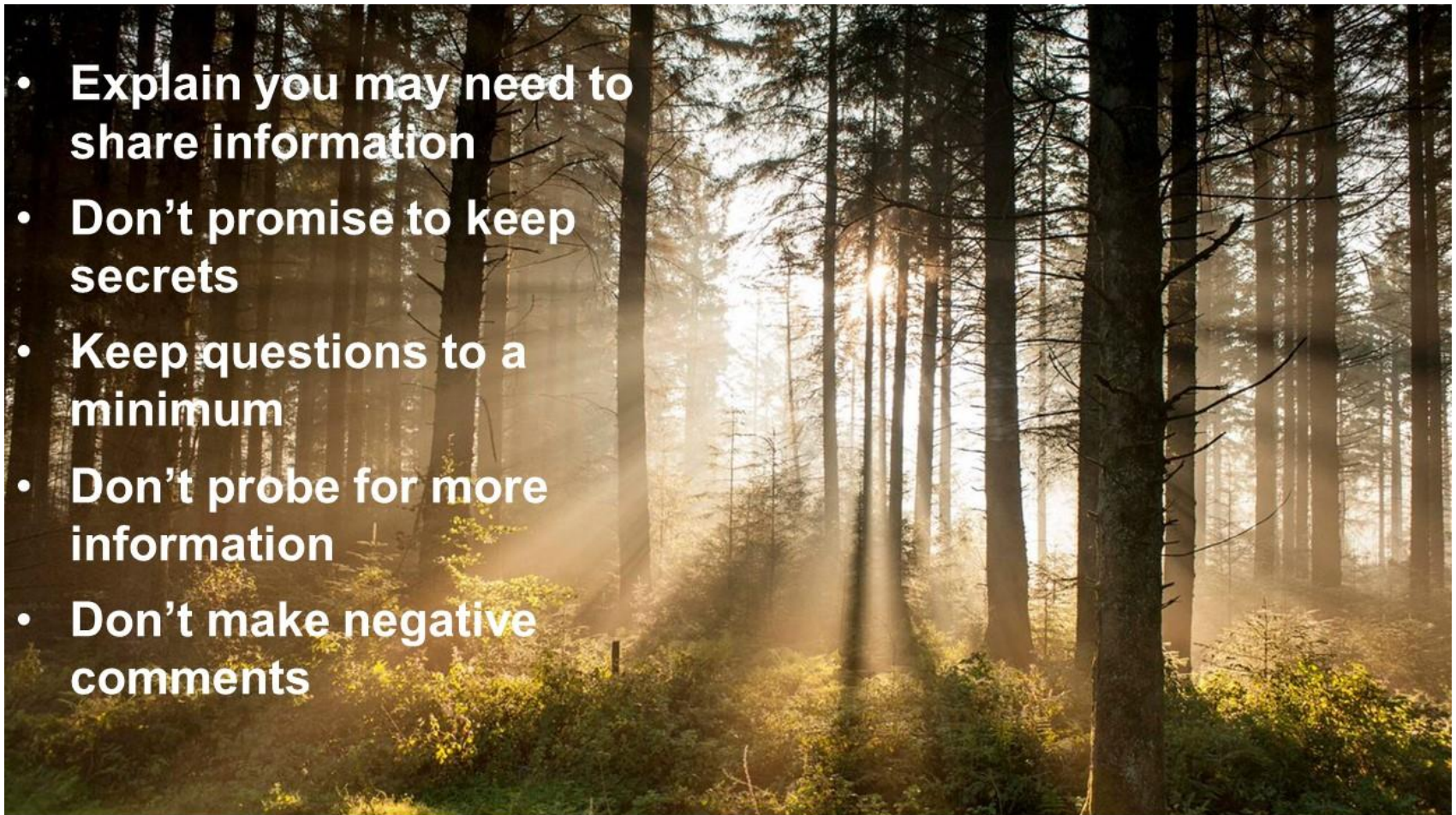
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- Explain you may need to share information
- Don't promise to keep secrets
- Keep questions to a minimum
- Don't probe for more information
- Don't make negative comments



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For concerns regarding adults:

- Ask what they would like to happen
- Explain how you'd like to proceed



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For concerns regarding children:

- Explain what you are going to do next
- Reassure them



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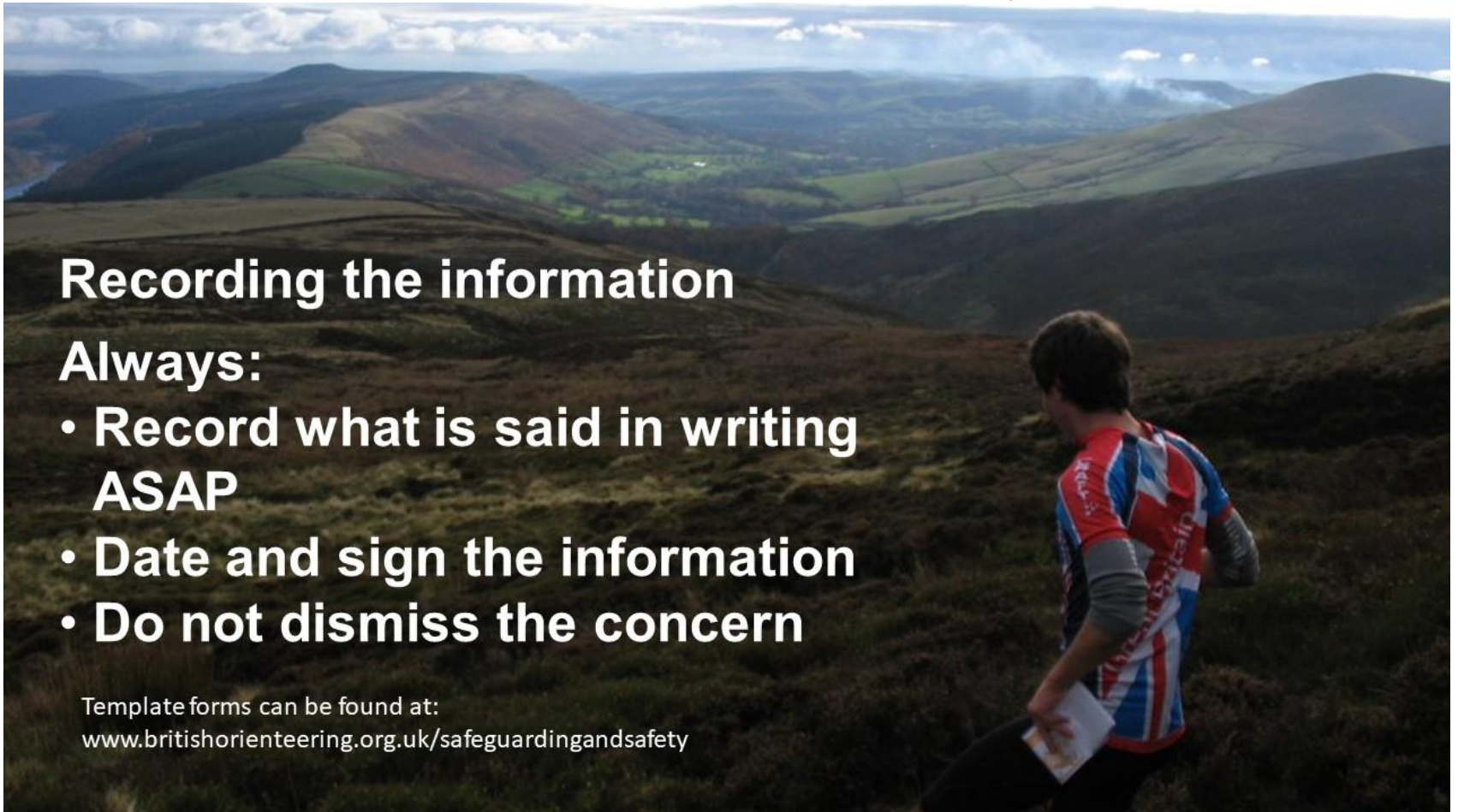
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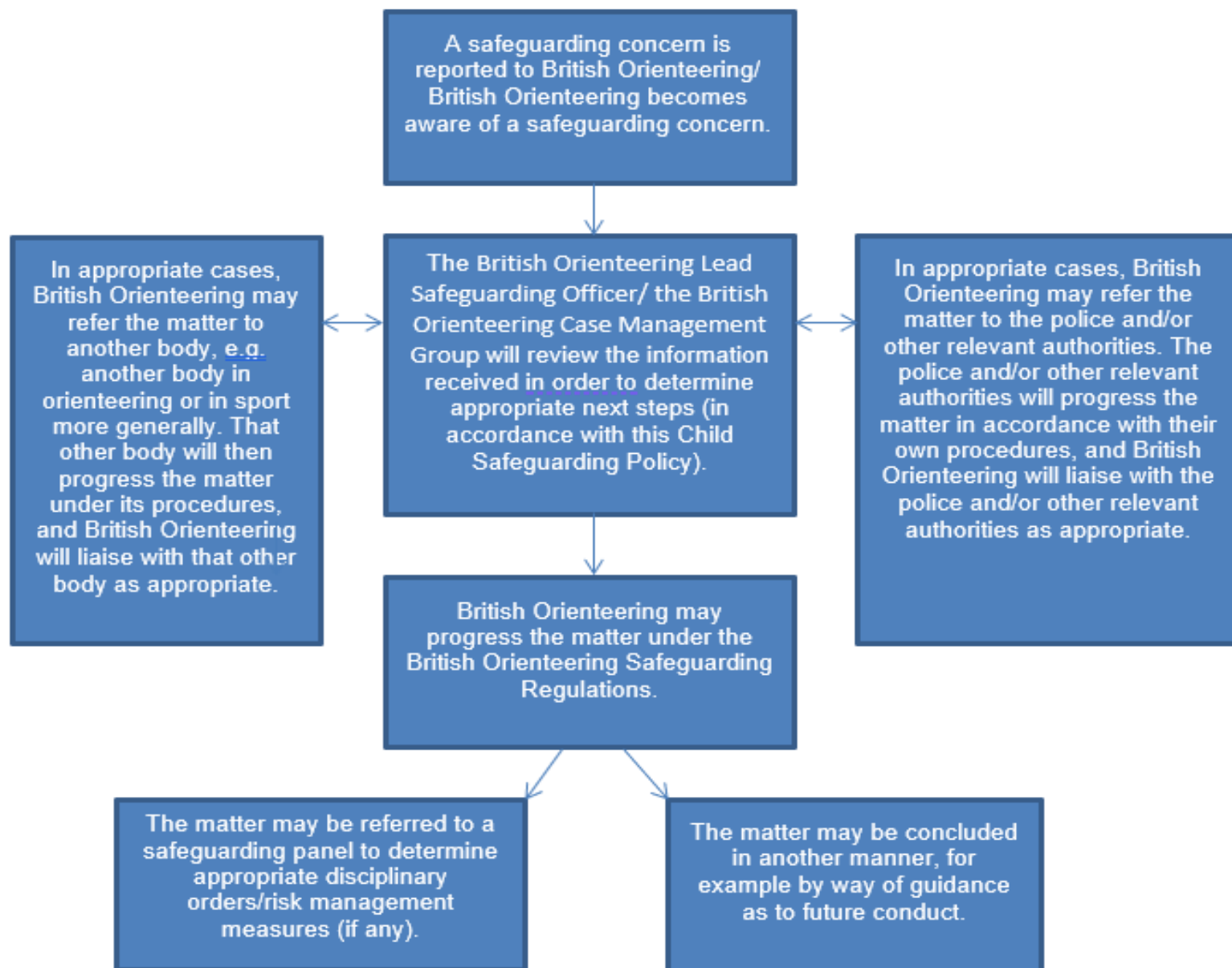
Always:

- Record what is said in writing
ASAP
- Date and sign the information
- Do not dismiss the concern

Template forms can be found at:

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I've been asked for some clarity over coaches and social media.

Here's from British Orienteering's advice to coaches

Coaches are advised not to follow athletes under the age of 18 on Twitter/Instagram/similar sites .

Coaches should NOT have athletes under the age of 18 as their 'friends' on social networking sites when they have a position of trust as a coach

Increasingly our juniors have taken to using Strava/Swift and similar - It's recognised that whilst these platforms are increasingly becoming similar to other social media platforms they also have potential for coaches - reviewing training/gps etc.

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Do other clubs/British Orienteering insist on membership to take part in junior coaching? Is there a requirement for this?

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We have developed a recent regular coaching/fitness session for our juniors. It has become increasingly popular with club juniors bringing along their friends.

Suddenly the collection of consent etc has become more onerous. These are not the regular club juniors whose families we all know. How are other clubs managing this consent? Does the info have to travel to every training area? Are any clubs using any cloud based tools? What proforma are available re medical consent, social media consent etc

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