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Statement to the Committee of Dorset Destroyers Wheelchair Rugby Club

Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby (GBWR) can confirm that it was made aware of a number of concerns relating to the operation and management of Dorset Destroyers Wheelchair Rugby Club.

These concerns were reported to Adult Social Care (ASC) Services in Poole, due to their nature possibly constituting risks to vulnerable adults.

GBWR has worked in partnership with ASC and a Safeguarding Enquiry has been undertaken.

Immediate protective actions were taken, which included action to suspend the club from GBWR whilst the concerns were fully investigated.

We can confirm that ASC have concluded their Safeguarding Enquiry and have noted that members are safeguarded now that a new Committee is in place.

ASC have assured us that if further concerns are reported, they would work with us to undertake enquiries as necessary.

GBWR is looking forward to working closely with the new Committee of Dorset Destroyers to support them in achieving the highest standards of governance and financial management, and to ensure that at all times the club provides a safe environment for members, staff and volunteers.

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