

First Aid & Injury Management

Do we need to have medical consent forms? What do we do with them?

It is good practice to have medical details for all your membership (adult and young people). It is essential to collect information for all people that are under 18. Collect information that is relevant to know in order to safeguard your membership in case of an accident or injury.

Information should be collected annually either electronically or hard copy, with the onus on the individual to advise of any changes. Next of kin/emergency contact details should also be collected and the information should be kept confidentially and only shared on a 'need to know' basis. Old or out of date information should be disposed of in a secure manner.

All personal information should be processed, stored and retained in accordance with GDPR and the England Hockey Privacy Notice and associated policies.

Does England Hockey have a policy on whether a club should have a defibrillator?

It is not a requirement. If a club has one, we would recommend the club communicate the location of this to its members. People should know how to use it and it should be checked regularly for battery life.

Should every coach and umpire have a First Aid qualification?

Every club must assess their own need for First Aid provision. England Hockey strongly recommends that there is a minimum of one First Aid trained person per match or training session.

Read more information on the [Safe Hockey webpage](#) under the First Aid provision section.

What is the Club, Talent Centres or academy role in relation to First Aid?

Every club must assess their own need for First Aid provision. It is recommended that there is a minimum of one First Aid trained person per match or training session. The following factors should be considered:

- Where do we play?
- Is First Aid provision covered by the facility provider?

- Consider home and away fixtures.
- How many people does the Club/Player Pathway Centre need to train in First Aid?

First Aid kits are available from England Hockey's Official Supplier Physique, to visit their [website](#).