



British Powerlifting is delighted to announce the appointment of Caroline Buckle to the role of British Powerlifting Safeguarding Officer.

Caroline currently works as a civil servant and volunteers as a Powerlifting and indoor rowing coach for Help the Hero's and is regularly seen officiating at British Powerlifting events.

Caroline's experience has been working with safeguarding for the past 8 years through British Powerlifting National Refereeing, Help for Heroes coaching, working at the 2022 Commonwealth Games and within schools providing fitness and fun activities. Her sporting background comes from an early age as a junior Olympic swimmer in Sheffield and then water polo and swimming in the British forces. On sustaining a life-changing injury, Caroline moved to adaptive sports and represented Team UK in the 2016 Invictus Games (Orlando) and 2019 Warrior Games (Tampa).

When asked why she would like to be considered for the position Caroline replied?

*"I have had experience first-hand of why safeguarding is so important. I want to ensure that everyone who is a part of British Powerlifting feels that they can enjoy the sport in a safe and respected environment at any level. I also want to see the sport continue to grow and develop internationally towards the Olympic platform."*

We welcome Caroline to the team, who in the coming months will be forming a sub committee for safeguarding in our sport. Should anyone wish to be involved, and feel they have a unique contribution. Don't hesitate to get in touch with her at [safeguarding@britishpowerlifting.org](mailto:safeguarding@britishpowerlifting.org)

We thank both Pete Sparks and Kevin Jayne for their previous work in this role and wish Caroline well.

**James Brincat-Smith**

**CEO**

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