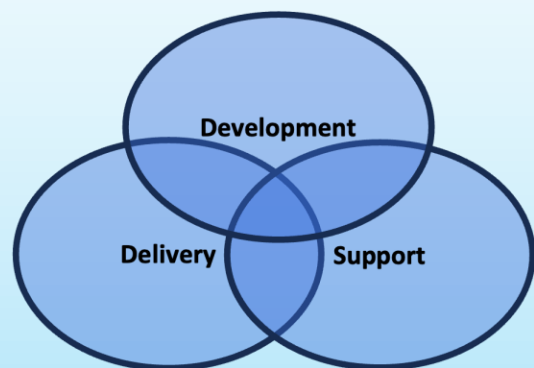


## North West AOC (Area Officiating Committee) 2025-26

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# NORTH WEST HOCKEY OFFICIATING

## AOC Structure 2025-26



**Vice  
Chair**

**Chair**

Admin  
(Secretarial)

GMS-IT

Indoor  
Lead

Social Media  
Lead

Appointments  
Lead  
*NW Adult League*

TAP  
Lead

Young Umpire  
Lead

Performance  
Development  
Lead

Club Umpire  
Development  
Lead

Appointments  
Lead (Assistant)  
*(EH Comps)*

# NORTH WEST HOCKEY OFFICIATING

**Chair**

**Tony Shutt**

## **Purpose**

- To provide vision, leadership and strategic planning in all aspects of North West Officiating, in line with the England Hockey guidelines.
- To oversee the Officiating Committee to ensure delivery of umpire development through development pathways to umpires at all levels, providing that important link between Officiating and the rest of the game.

# NORTH WEST HOCKEY OFFICIATING

**Vice Chair**

**Chris Reece**

## Purpose

- To support the Chair in providing the vision, leadership and strategic planning in all aspects of North West Officiating, in line with the England Hockey guidelines. Ensuring that support for succession planning is in place, for the benefit of all.

## Key Tasks of Role

- Attend meetings, reporting on development opportunities, progress and potential challenges.
- To understand the responsibilities of the Chair and to perform those duties in the absence of the Chair
- To support the Chair and undertake work assigned by the Chair.
- To chair the committee meetings in the absence of the Chair.
- To deputise the North West Hockey Officiating at England Hockey Officiating Working Group (OWG) meetings in absence of the Chair

# NORTH WEST HOCKEY OFFICIATING

## Performance Development Lead

Nick Kearsey

## Purpose

- To operate as a key driver of performance within neutral umpiring appointment levels of the Officiating area. To act as lead to the Area's registered neutral appointment taking umpires to aid with their own progression.

## Key Tasks of Role

- To develop neutral umpires being appointed to North West Area competitions and EH Competitions as required.
- Ensure Quality Assurance process for Umpire Assessors and Coaches working closely the Appointments Lead, with the registered umpires undertaking neutral appointments.
- Review umpire feedback reports and to liaise working closely the Appointments Lead, and liaising with clubs where appropriate, in respect to neutrally appointed umpires.

# NORTH WEST HOCKEY OFFICIATING

## Club Umpire Development Lead

Jane Evans

## Purpose

- Providing that important link between the Area Officiating Committee and North West clubs, to help drive umpire recruitment, development and retention at a club level.
- To support the development of umpires within their club environment.

## Key Tasks of Role

- Working with the Club Cluster Leads and identify resources needed for new and existing umpires to aid development.
- Consult with newly qualified umpires to support them through the assessment process as well as existing umpires looking to progress on the umpire pathway.
- Identify umpires of high potential who are keen to progress to North West neutral appointments.
- Collaborate with umpires and clubs to develop people to take on the roles of Club Umpire Developers, mentors, assessors and coaches, supporting them through their qualification.

**Cluster Lead details (*Jane to advise*) – See Slide XX**

# NORTH WEST HOCKEY OFFICIATING

## Appointments Lead

Tony Shutt

## Purpose

- To appropriately appoint umpires and technical officials to all required North West Area leagues and competitions for juniors and adults, as well as England Hockey competitions where appropriate.

## Key Tasks of Role

- Appoint umpires as appropriate to area league and competitions.
- Upload Officiating appointments onto GMS
- Liaise with Performance Development Lead on the appointments of umpires, coaches and assessors.

# NORTH WEST HOCKEY OFFICIATING

## Young Umpire Lead

Joy Elliot-Bowman

## Purpose

- To operate as a key driver of information from the Area Officiating Committee to the clubs, to facilitate Young Umpire recruitment, retention and development opportunities within the North West.

## Key Tasks

- Works closely with Club Umpire Development Lead to deliver “Young Umpire” education and recruitment opportunities.
- Liaise with the North West Junior Leagues & Competitions Committee, including the County Junior Team Competition Organiser within the North West to deliver Officiating opportunities within their structures.
- Lead and co-ordinate the work of the Sub Area Connectors to deliver “Young Umpire” education and recruitment opportunities.
- Nominate Young Umpires to National In2 Hockey Finals.



# NORTH WEST HOCKEY OFFICIATING

## Technical Official Lead

John Dixon

## Purpose

- To support clubs and technical officials within the area to support all Area Leagues, Competitions and England Hockey competitions where appropriate.

## Key Tasks of Role

- Recommend suitable Technical Officials for appointment to relevant leagues and competitions (Adult and Junior) within the Area.
- Work closely with Club Umpire Development Lead & Performance Development Lead to deliver Technical Official education and recruitment opportunities