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**Community Rugby Injury Surveillance & Prevention
(CRISP) Project – CB Support Request**

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Dear CB Colleagues,

I am contacting you to ask for your support in helping us identify and recruit additional clubs/teams for the Community Rugby Injury Surveillance & Prevention (CRISP) Project.

The CRISP Project is managed by a team at the University of Bath and is funded by the RFU as part of RugbySafe research with the purpose of improving the understanding of injuries across the community game and informing injury prevention strategies. The research is particularly important over the coming seasons to allow us to monitor any changes in injury patterns across the community game following the lowering of the tackle height and other law changes. A large sample of injury data is crucial in allowing us to understand any changes in injury patterns. Having a range of clubs and teams providing the data is key to the success of CRISP.

For season 2024-25, we would like to request your help in identifying and recruiting teams for CRISP. If every CB can help us identify a small number from across the playing populations, it will help reach our sample targets. This also allow us to ensure we are working with clubs/teams from across the country and from a diverse range of leagues and playing levels.

As well as the contribution this makes to CRISP all clubs/teams taking part can request a bespoke report produced by the University of Bath setting out their injury profile across the season.

Please find the following documents accompanying this letter:

- CRISP 2024-25 overview (for your information and to be shared with clubs and other relevant personnel).
- Target number of teams per CB for the different CRISP strands.
- List of clubs who contributed to the CRISP Project in 2023-24.
- Template communication with relevant information for clubs.

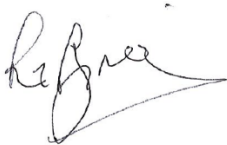
We would appreciate if you could support the CRISP recruitment for the 2024-25 by:

1. Contacting all the clubs/teams in your CB that participated in the CRISP 23-24, encouraging them to sign up again for 24-25. Where appropriate, request that they sign up to the other strands e.g. where a club's adult male team is already signed up, is there a female adult and age grade section that could also sign up.
2. Identifying and contacting additional clubs/teams, based on the suggested target number for your CB.
3. Using the template and CRISP overview one pager below to provide the relevant information.

4. Sending a list of clubs that you have contacted to Rachel Faull-Brown (Player Welfare Manager) rachelfaull-brown@rfu.com by 31st July 2024.
5. Where possible and appropriate please promote CRISP recruitment across all clubs via any local communications.
6. Following up with the clubs again in July to check in on if they have signed up and/or thank you for signing up.

If you have any questions about the CRISP project, again please contact Rachel on the contact details above.

Thanking you in advance for your support



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