

# **Paddle UK and CIMSPA Position Statement.**

**Standards for Deployment.  
Including reference to Stand up  
Paddle boarding.**

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**Purpose & Audience.** The purpose of this statement is to outline the position regarding standards for deployment for people working within the scope of paddlesport activity in the UK.

**Background.** CIMSPA has developed a national policy outlining the requirements for people working in the sport and physical activity sector to be deployed that can be found here, [Standards for Deployment Policy](#). The policy has been developed in consultation with stakeholders in the Sport and Physical Activity Sector. Paddle UK recognise and understand the importance in adopting such approach and have published standards for deployment for the Paddlesport workforce, [Standards For Deployment | Paddle UK](#)

### **Standards for Deployment for Stand up Paddleboarding.**

Following the lessons learnt from the tragic events in Haverfordwest, CIMSPA and Paddle UK are collaborating to develop a standards for deployment policy specifically for Stand Up Paddleboarding. This guidance once published will provide deployers, training agencies and those wanting to gain the appropriate qualification and training with both clarity and assurances.

The safety of participants in Stand Up Paddleboarding is at the forefront of our minds in developing this policy. The guidance we are developing has a proportionate approach to the training required in line with the standards for

deployment policy, and it is likely we will need to increase the regulatory oversight for the training of those leading and coaching Stand Up Paddleboarding as well as have a greater emphasis on the ongoing monitoring of their ability to perform their role safely.

Further details and the guidance will be published early in 2025.

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