

Hello!

My name is Craig Crowley and I am the Honorary President of UK Deaf Sport.

This is a short message to you all involved in Deaf Football from grassroots to representing our country at International competitions.

As you know UK Deaf Sport hosted a meeting on 3rd August with focus on Deaf Football in England.

We wanted to be clear this was not about excluding the home countries (Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) but allowed us time to discuss how England Deaf Football needed to be set up and delivered going forward.

We UKDS know that we will set up meeting with Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland in very near future so this was already explained to all attendees at the meeting.

Attendees on 3rd August meeting were:

- ***Oliver Eadsforth*** and ***Sean Noone*** from England Deaf Football
- ***Piers Martin*** and ***Valerie Copenhagen*** from UK Deaf Sport
- ***Chris Beech*** from GB Deaf Football
- ***Nathan*** from England Deaf futsal male team
- ***Martin Lewis*** and ***Stuart Denmead*** from BDF
- ***Jeff Davis*** from FA
- ***Myself*** as UKDS Honorary President

The meeting was chaired by Dr Claire-Marie Roberts, an independent facilitator who works for the Premier League. She is well respected in all football circles.

At that meeting she was excellent, professional and focused on clear agenda. It was actually a positive meeting with actions being agreed at the end.

From the recent video posted on Facebook by Stuart we understand that he and Martin (BDF) are not supportive of this action plan.

Let us remember that federations with recognised standing; UK Deaf Sport, GB Deaf Football and England Deaf Football, we are really keen to make sure that Deaf Football in England is delivered fairly, equally and have no hidden agendas.

As a national governing body recognised by The FA, we UKDS will proceed forward with the agreed actions and work to the best for Deaf Football going forward in England.

Along with GB Deaf Football, England Deaf Football we will keep you updated of our agreed actions and steps.

Of course we will also look forward to work with Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland very soon with support from GB Deaf Football.

Any questions please contact UK Deaf Sport at info@ukds.org.uk.

Many thanks.