

CHILD PERFORMANCE LICENCES

Further to recent advice given to bands in respect of child performance licences, the London & Southern Counties Regional Committee of the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain has agreed to apply for a Body of Person's Approval in respect of the forthcoming Regional Contest at Stevenage Arts & Leisure Centre.

Much confusion has arisen as to which local authority is responsible for issuing the licences, so to cut through the confusion, our application for a BOPA will negate the need for individual bands to apply for licences for individual children.

To be compliant with the requirements of Hertfordshire County Council it is imperative that all bands supply to me details of all performers of 16 and under to include:

Name

Date of Birth

Any existing medical conditions

Parental consent

Name of local authority of residence

It is paramount that each child is accompanied by a parent and by concession the Council have agreed that it is not a condition that the parent is non-playing so that both parents are allowed to perform with their child. It would be recommended that any band with several children have DBS accredited chaperones, by way of law at least 1 for every 12 children. A number of our committee members are DBS approved but we cannot police the entire venue due to the scale of the contest.

As we have to make the application in advance of the contest, I would be grateful to receive the appropriate details by no later than 1 March 2019 at chairman@london.regional-contest.org.uk.

I do not wish to have to refuse a child from performing so I would ask you treat this matter with the utmost urgency. The committee have a full Child Protection Policy which will be posted on our website shortly and the committee confirm it's commitment to encouraging the future of banding in this region through allowing our children to have this experience, whilst being committed to providing them with the necessary protection to allow them to have the greatest experience that banding can provide.

I trust that you will act accordingly.

Philip Doe

Chairman

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