



Table Tennis England Chief Executive Sara Sutcliffe (right) with (from left) Volleyball England CEO Sue Storey, England Netball Development Director Katy Ritchien and Badminton England CEO Adrian Christy at Guildford Spectrum Centre in Surrey. Photo: Matt Alexander/PA Wire

Sports issue warning over indoor facilities

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Table Tennis England is helping to lead a campaign putting pressure on the Government to ensure sports halls are used for indoor sports as the country continues to emerge from lockdown.

We have joined with Badminton England, England Netball, Basketball England and Volleyball England to raise awareness of the difficulties our sports' members are having in securing places to play.

Indoor sports have seen their playing spaces almost entirely disappear as leisure facilities prioritise sports halls to accommodate gyms and group exercise while maintaining social distancing. The majority of other regular venues, such as schools or universities, also remain closed.

If these practices continue it is expected that two in three indoor facilities will remain unusable into the autumn for the 2.4 million people who regularly play indoor sports.

Indoor facilities are vital to sports, such as table tennis, which reach into every community irrespective of physical ability, age, gender or ethnicity. These sports