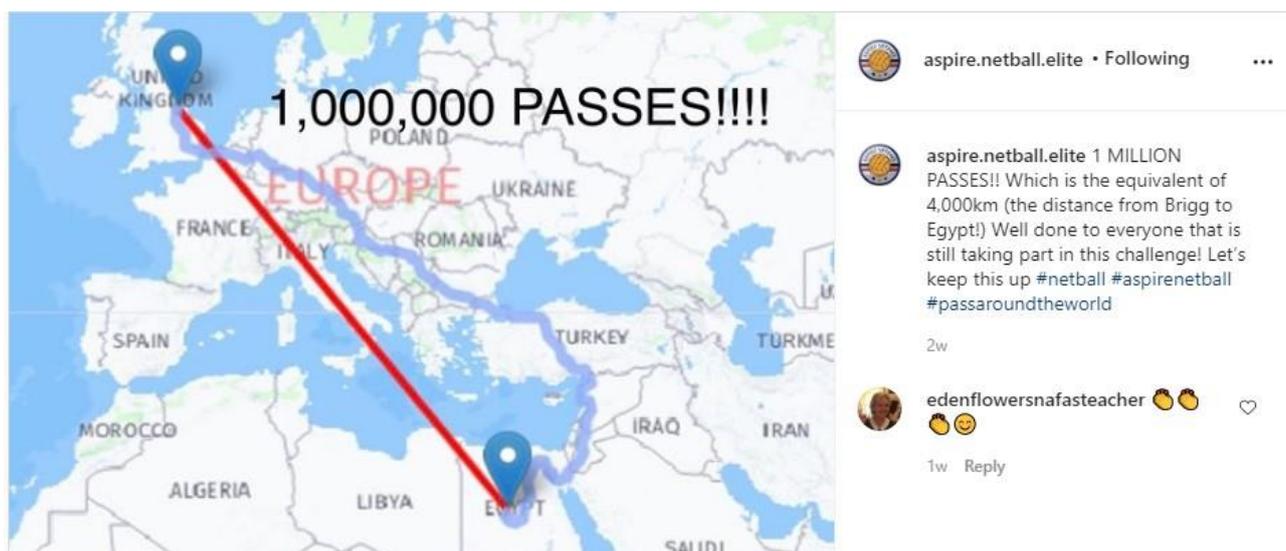


Netball News

England Netball is awaiting government approval for their plans for a return to grassroots netball before there can be a move from socially distanced training in small groups to competitive play in some format. Proposals include competitive play outside with modifications to the game by October, with indoor play possibly resuming in January if there are no further setbacks. Modifications include matches shortened to four 10-minute quarters (instead of 15-minute quarters), four-foot marking distance instead of three-foot (to adhere to the one metre plus social distancing rule) as well as others to be confirmed. It is also likely that coaches, players on the bench and any supporters who are allowed will be required to wear masks. Maximum squad sizes may also be reduced to limit the number of possible players on the bench.

Training continues at home and in small groups, with fitness and ball skills. There is regular cleaning of any shared equipment.



Meanwhile Aspire Elite Netball’s “pass around the world” is still ongoing, with the girls having reached Africa with over one million passes. With fitness to return to the court now being paramount, the ball will continue to travel any way it can with running, walking and cycling distances all taken into consideration. To date, 86.5% of the fundraising target in aid of United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust Charitable Fund and Mind has been achieved. You can support the local girls in this marathon effort by visiting <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com> and searching for Aspire netball pass around the world.

For anyone interested in playing netball, Brigg Netball Club accommodates players of all ages and abilities (age six to ‘back to netball’ and walking netballers) supporting a number of junior and senior county and regional teams across multiple age groups. For further details contact Vanessa on 07836 598027 or netball.nes@gmx.com.

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