

Lowick United FC

Child Protection Policy



At Lowick United FC we have a responsibility to safeguard the welfare of every child and young person (under the age of 18) who has been entrusted to our care. Our first priority is to provide a safe environment for all our members.

We subscribe to The Football Association's Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures which is binding on everyone working at our club whether in a paid or voluntary capacity.

Four Key Principles

- The child's welfare is, and must always be, the paramount consideration
- All children and young people have a right to be protected from abuse regardless of their age, gender, disability, culture, language, racial origin, religious beliefs or sexual orientation
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately
- Working in partnership with other organisations, children and young people and their parents or carers is essential

Every adult involved in our club has a part to play in safeguarding the welfare of our junior members by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional harm and from neglect or bullying.

The Role of the Club Welfare Officer

Lowick Utd has appointed a Club Welfare Officer (CWO) in line with The FA's role profile. Our CWO has a professional background in child welfare and has completed the FA child protection and best practice workshop. The CWO is the first point of contact for all club members and parents or guardians regarding concerns for the welfare of any child or young person.

She will liaise directly with Northumberland FA Child Protection Officer and will be familiar with the procedures for referring any concerns. His primary function is to play a proactive role in increasing an awareness of good practice amongst club members.

Our CWO is..

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Promoting Good Practice

Child Protection Policy continued ...

In order to promote best practice Lowick Utd FC have adopted a number of policies adapted from models recommended by The FA.

These policies include ...

- How we recruit new volunteers
- Protecting young people from bullying
- The use of photography at our club
- Equal opportunities and avoiding discrimination
- Code of conduct for players
- Code of conduct for parents and spectators
- Code of conduct for coaches and team managers
- Procedures to promote health and safety
- Reporting concerns - Whistle Blowing

To be effective these policies must be more than just documents kept on file, we expect them to be applied consistently so that good practice becomes common practice throughout the club.

Further advice on Child Protection matters can be obtained from...

- Northumberland FA Child Protection Officer on 0191 270 1166
- The FA/NSPCC Child Protection 24-Hour Helpline 0808 800 5000
- www.TheFA.com/