Open Age Football Club Safeguarding Responsibilities:

Dear club,

You will have received a letter from The FA on Friday 17th January regarding the introduction of DBS-checks in open-age football for teams with registered players who are 16 or 17 years old.

If you fit this criteria, you will need to follow these steps:

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| * Read the *Affiliated Footballs Safeguarding Children Policy.* A copy has been attached to this email which can be amended to include your club’s details. Please adopt and adhere to this policy and ensure that a signed version is circulated amongst your team. * Ensure all coaches/managers and assistant coaches/managers and medics are listed on The FA’s Whole Game System alongside the team. * Identify any personnel working with, or who may work with, 16 and/or 17-year olds. These individuals must complete an FA DBS-check. * If your club has a Welfare Officer, please contact them for advice on completing a DBS-check. If you do not, please contact Kent FA via email on [safeguarding@kentfa.com](mailto:safeguarding@kentfa.com) or call 01622 792140. |
| Kent FA strongly advise that you follow the above actions so that you are prepared, should you need to register any U18 players part-way through the season.  Kent FA are committed to supporting your club throughout this process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to respond to this email or call 01622 792140. |