



## **Liverpool County FA**

### **Charter Standard Youth Clubs**

This policy is to be used in conjunction with The Football Association's Safeguarding Operating Standards and Charter Standard Criteria. Both of these files are available to download from the LCFA Shared (W0 Drive in the Safeguarding & Charter Standard folders respectively. Should you have any difficulty in accessing these documents then please contact the Designated Safeguarding officer, Gordon Johnson or Senior Safeguarding Lead, David Pugh.

Safeguarding children in football is a priority for Liverpool County FA. We have a duty to ensure that all of our processes & procedures consider safeguarding in the first instance to keep our sport safe and enjoyable for all participants.

#### **Charter Standard Process 2017-18**

In addition to The FA's standard affiliation requirements every youth team must have a minimum of one, FA Qualified Coach (Level one or above) holding an in-date FA accepted DBS check along with an in-date SCW and Emergency Aid (EMA) certification.

WGS will not allow Charter Standard to be awarded until all criteria have been met.

Note:

- If LCFA become aware of an application for either affiliation or Charter Standard that may be inaccurate (e.g. a person is believed to have left) then LCFA staff should check and challenge the club.
- Validation visits should be considered if there are any doubts about the authenticity of the data submitted.
- LCFA should also consider pre-award visits for new Charter Standard Clubs against Charter Standard Criteria.

Support:

Liverpool County FA is here to support all Clubs with the Charter Standard Process. Our Football Development Officers are on hand to offer practical guidance and resources to Clubs looking to complete or renew the Charter Standard application process. Below are the contact details for our FDOs;

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If you have any questions in relation to how safeguarding is embedded within the Charter Standard process the please contact the DSO or SSL. Further information can also be found on The FA's website;

[www.thefa.com/CharterStandard](http://www.thefa.com/CharterStandard)

**Let's keep football safe not sorry.**