



Open-Age Adult League Safeguarding Advocate: Role Purpose

A League Safeguarding Advocate's (LSA) role purpose is to:

1. Proactively promote safeguarding with all registered clubs.
2. Promote The FA's Safeguarding information available on The FA.com.
3. Ensure safeguarding is a standard item at Committee Meetings/AGM.
4. Monitor data reports showing teams that register players aged 16/17-years-old.
5. Support clubs to identify local DBS Verifiers.
6. Remind clubs that where they have 16/17-year-olds registered they must:
 - Adopt and adhere to the Affiliated Football Safeguarding Children Policy – available [here](#) (Section 1 - download Guidance Notes: 1.4 Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures Club Template).
 - Identify which teams the 16/17-year-olds play in.
 - List all the coaches/managers (including assistant coaches/managers) and medics for these teams on The FA's Whole Game System. This can be done by the club secretary, assistant secretary or if the club has a youth team by the Club Welfare Officer (Youth Teams).
 - Support coaches/managers (including assistant coaches/managers) and medics working with 16/17-year-olds to complete an FA DBS Check further information is available [here](#) (Section 3 - download Guidance Notes: 3.1 Safer recruitment of volunteers, 3.5 Eligibility of roles and 3.7 DBS FAQs).
 - Provide 16/17-year-old players with safeguarding information – available [here](#) (Section 7 - download Guidance Notes: 7.1 Know your rights in football)
 - Encourage club officials to complete the free FA online Safeguarding For All and Safeguarding Adults training for volunteers and helpers, available [here](#).