

## HELP AND SUPPORT FOR YOU

Visit [www.TheFA.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding](http://www.TheFA.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding)

This is The FA homepage for all safeguarding children information and guidance. You will find downloadable policies and procedures as well as best practice guidance. For examples of Welfare Officer frequently asked questions go to [www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding/thinking-of-becoming-a-welfare-officer](http://www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding/thinking-of-becoming-a-welfare-officer) and scroll to the bottom of the page to the Resources section and click on Welfare Officer FAQs.

### Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures

The FA's Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures can be viewed by visiting [www.TheFA.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding/raising-awareness/safeguarding-children-policy-and-procedures.ashx](http://www.TheFA.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding/raising-awareness/safeguarding-children-policy-and-procedures.ashx)

This policy has been written specifically for grassroots football. It provides The FA's Child Protection Policy statement and key principles as well as information on;

- Responsible Recruitment
- Promoting Best Practice
- Poor Practice and Abuse
- Responsibility for Safeguarding in Football
- Responding to Concerns, Allegations and Disclosures.

This policy document is given to every welfare officer who attends the Welfare Officers Workshop - something that is essential for you as Club Welfare Officer to attend.

### Safeguarding Children Education Programme

Hopefully you will already have completed The FA's Safeguarding Children Workshop (formerly known as Child protection and best practice). If you haven't contact your CFA Welfare Officer immediately to get onto one of these workshops - this is a sound and engaging introduction to safeguarding in football and a must for every welfare officer.

Once you've completed this workshop get yourself booked onto a Welfare Officer Workshop. This three-hour workshop builds on what you will have covered in the Safeguarding Children Workshop and provides you with the necessary tools to carry out your role as CWO. It makes helpful use of the Policy and Procedures and explores what leagues and clubs need to have in place to demonstrate

best practice in relation to safeguarding children. It looks at the welfare officer role and what help and support is there to assist you.

### **CFA Welfare Officer**

Contact your County FA Welfare Officer as they will be able to give you further insight to your role and direct you to someone who is already in post who you can possibly chat with. If you have specific questions feel free to contact your County FA Welfare Officer, if you are unable to reach them and feel the need to get some feedback you can always email [safeguarding@TheFA.com](mailto:safeguarding@TheFA.com) or if you have enquiries to do with specifically with the CRB process you can telephone: **0845 210 8080** or email: [crb@TheFA.com](mailto:crb@TheFA.com)