

BROAD TOWN COLTS FOOTBALL CLUB

CHILD PROTECTION STATEMENT



Broad Town Colts Football Club acknowledges its role and responsibilities towards every child and young person who has been entrusted into its care.

We subscribe to the Child Protection Procedures and Practices contained in the handbook published by The Football Association (FA) in November 2000, and endorse and adopt the Policy Statement contained in the document.

Every child or young person who plays or participates in football should be able to take part in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse. This is the responsibility of every adult involved in football.

The FA recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children and young people by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional harm and from neglect and bullying. It is determined to meet its obligations to ensure that those clubs and organisations providing football opportunities for children and young people do so, to the highest possible standards of care.

These procedures apply to anyone in football whether in a paid or voluntary capacity. For example volunteers in clubs, referees, club officials, helpers on club tours, football coaches and medical staff.

The FA will consider, having taken advice, whether anyone who has a previous criminal conviction or caution for offences related to the abuse of children or young people, violence or any sexual offences should be excluded from working with children and young people. This position is re-enforced by UK legislation and guidance.

In order to meet the objectives set out above Broad Town Colts has appointed a Child Welfare Officer who will be the first point of contact in our aim to work with football partners at a national and local level to ensure that we deliver a quality service to the community. She has attended the FA's 3 hour Child Protection and Best Practices Workshop; and will undertake further training with other members of the club as appropriate.

All members of our club who will have access to children and young people, within the context of current legislation and guidance, will comply with FA advice on screening and vetting.

Further advice on Child Protection matters can be obtained from:-

The FA

NSPCC Child Protection 24 hour Helpline 0800 800 5000

The Wiltshire County Football Association's Child Protection Officer, whose details can be found in the County Handbook.