



Larkhall Athletic Youth Football Club – Child and Young Person Policy Statement

Larkhall Athletic Football Club acknowledges its role and responsibilities towards every child and young person who has been entrusted into our care.

We subscribe to the Child Protection Procedures and Practices contained in the [Safeguarding Children and Young People in Football](#) published by The Football Association and has formulated this policy statement from the guidance therein.

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.

Larkhall Athletic 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. We are determined to meet our obligations to ensure that we provide football opportunities for children and young people to the highest possible standards of care.

To this end when recruiting volunteers we will:

- Develop a role profile
- Request identification documents
- As a minimum meet and chat with the applicant(s) and where possible conduct interviews before appointing
- Request and follow up with two references
- Require an FA CRB Unit Enhanced Disclosure where appropriate in line with FA guidelines.

If there are concerns regarding the appropriateness of an individual who is already involved or who has approached us to become part of Larkhall Athletic Football Club guidance will be sought from The Football Association. It is noted and accepted that The FA will consider the relevance and significance of the information obtained via The FA CRB Unit and that all decisions will be made in the best interests of children and young people.

These procedures apply to anyone in Larkhall Athletic Football Club whether in a paid or voluntary capacity.

Larkhall Football Club will also adhere to any policies of procedures laid down by the respective leagues to which our teams play in (currently Mid Wilts Youth & Minor League and Midsomer Norton Youth League).

In order to meet the objectives set out above Larkhall Athletic Football Club has appointed a Child Welfare Officer (CWO) who will be the first point of contact. Please visit our website www.larkhallathletic.com for CWO name and contact details.