WCFC Safeguarding procedures Updated June 2022

At Witchford Colts, safeguarding children and young people is paramount, and everyone's responsibility. If a coach, parent, player, or spectator at training, or at any matches either Home or Away have ANY concerns please contact the Club Welfare Officer (CWO).

Current CWO's:

Sarah Butcher mobile: 07494 415851

email: childwelfare@witchfordcoltsfc.co.uk

Graeme Sims mobile: 07746 735446

email: childwelfare@witchfordcoltsfc.co.uk

If, for any reason you are unable to contact either of the CWO's you can contact the County FA Welfare Officer, Diane Bradshaw on 01223 209021/07944 746853, or NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000.

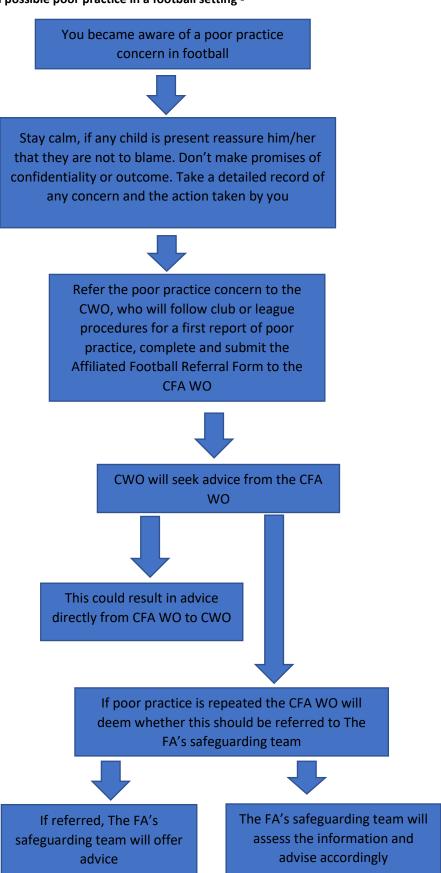
If you deem a child in your care to be of immediate risk of harm, it is your duty to contact the Police – 999.

Any adult or young person with concerns about a member of the club can also use the Whistle Blowing Policy by calling 0800 169 1863 and asking for the FA's Safeguarding Team, or via email on safeguarding@TheFA.com

All coaching volunteers have an FA DBS check (3 yearly reviewed) and FA Safeguarding Children Training (3 yearly reviewed).

Flow charts - credit 'FA Grassroots Football and Safeguarding Children' document.

Dealing with possible poor practice in a football setting -



Dealing with possible child abuse in a football setting -

You became aware of a possible child abuse concern in football



Stay calm, if any child is present reassure him/her that they are not to blame. Don't make promises of confidentiality or outcome. Take a detailed record of what is said and any action taken by you



If the child or young person is in need of medical attention take them to hospital or telephone for an ambulance. Inform doctors about the concerns. Make them aware that it is a child protection issue



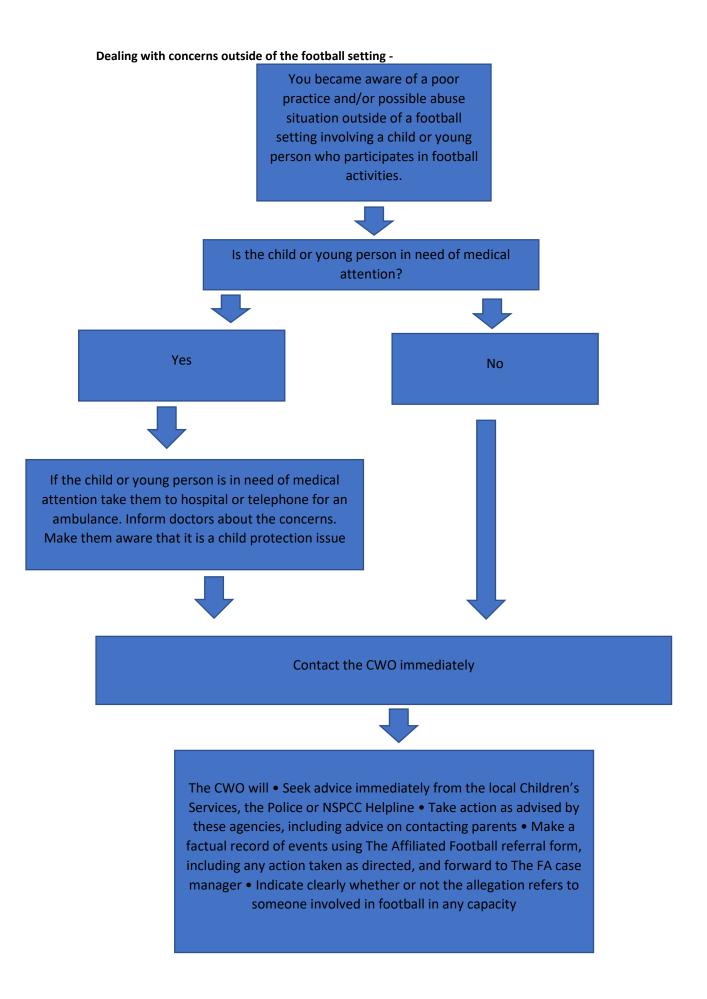
Contact CWO and inform of concerns raised by alleged victim. If not possible, relay concerns directly to CFA WO



The CWO will 1. Contact the Police and Children's Services immediately 2. Refer to the CFA WO or The FA's safeguarding team using the Affiliated Football Referral Form 3. Inform the parents/carers immediately unless you have a specific reason not to, e.g. the child has named the parent/carer as the abuse



The FA's safeguarding team will assess the information provided and advise accordingly



This Safeguarding procedure is in conjunction with:

WCFC Safeguarding Policy

WCFC Coaches Code of Conduct

WCFC Player Code of Conduct

WCFC Anti-bullying Policy

WCFC Complaints and Disciplinary Procedure

FA Grassroots and Football Safeguarding Children document