



## Safeguarding Children - Report Your Concerns

### Let's make football safe, not sorry

Creating fun, safe football environments is central to safeguarding children at Harrogate Town Football club.

Most Children and young people have a fantastic experience through football – but sadly, some don't.

This might be down to over - competitive Parents and Coaches shouting and constantly criticising them from the side lines – the kind of behaviour that the FA RESPECT programme is designed to address. Or it might be due to some other kind of behaviour towards them.

Safeguarding Children is everyone's responsibility and having Welfare officers in all clubs and leagues with involved in PDC programmes and Youth Development is crucial to the FA,s simple three part approach to Safeguarding.

Harrogate Town Football club have installed the following

- Getting the right people involved – Seeking references and CRB checks
- Creating a Safe Environment – codes of conduct and best practices
- Promoting clear systems to deal with any concerns – Policy and procedures

If you are worried about a child it is important that you report your concerns!

### **No action is not an option**

If you see a situation involving child /children that does not seem right – or makes you feel uncomfortable, you need to report this to the Coach or our Welfare Officer by either

- Speaking with the Coach or Welfare Officer
- Completing the **Report your concerns** form and handing it into the club or the Coach or Welfare officer in person or via email

If this involves the Coach you need to report this to the Welfare Officer by either

- Speaking with the Club Welfare Officer
- Completing the **Report your concerns form** and handing it into the club or via email

The Club has procedures in place to deal with any concerns that are reported. Please report your concerns even if you are unsure it's better to be safe than sorry.

If you are worried about a child then you need to report your concerns to the club welfare officer by either:

- Speaking with the club welfare officer
- Completing the **Report your Concerns form** and submit to the club or via email

**If the issue is one of poor practice we will either**

- Deal with the matter internally
- Seek professional advice from the County FA welfare officer

If the concerns is more serious - **possible child abuse** where possible please contact the County FA welfare officer first, then immediately the police or child services.

### **Harrogate Town Football Club FA Qualified Welfare officers**

Dave Riley [daveriley@harrogatetownafc.com](mailto:daveriley@harrogatetownafc.com)

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Garry Plant [GarryPlant@harrogatetownafc.com](mailto:GarryPlant@harrogatetownafc.com)

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### **West Riding County FA Welfare Officer**

Paul Radcliffe [Paul.Radcliffe@westridingfa.com](mailto:Paul.Radcliffe@westridingfa.com)

### **FA NSPCC 24 Hour Helpline for advise on**

0808 800 5000

**Contact Local Police or Children's Services**

## **Safeguarding Children – Report Your Concerns Form**

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Please include as much detail as you can, this will enable the club to better deal with the concerns raised, write on any additional paper if required, where possible the information provided will be treated in confidence. It is likely you will be contacted by the Harrogate Town Football Club Welfare Officer to discuss the concerns raised

