



## Killingworth YPC Child Protection Policy

The introduction of this Child Protection Policy should be seen as a clear signal by Killingworth YPC that we are committed to ensuring that all the necessary precautions are taken to protect from harm, all the children and young people who are members of Killingworth YPC

Killingworth YPC is a community young peoples club which provides recreational and competitive football activities, games, training and coaching for children and young people in Killingworth and the surrounding districts.

All children and young people who play football activities should be able to participate in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse. It is the responsibility of every adult involved with Killingworth YPC to achieve the objective.

We understand that child abuse is an extremely emotive and difficult subject. It is important to understand the feelings involved, however, we should not allow them to impair our judgement regarding the correct procedures and actions to be followed.

Killingworth YPC recognizes its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children and young people by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional harm and from neglect or bullying.

We are determined to fulfill our obligation to provide football opportunities for children and young people to the highest possible standard of care.

Killingworth KYPC is committed to ensuring that all adults involved with the coaching and welfare of the club are aware of their obligations and responsibilities in respect of the protection of the children and young people in our care.

### Rights:

All children and young people have a right to be protected from abuse regardless of their age, gender, disability, culture, language, racial origin, religious beliefs or sexuality.

### Categories of Abuse:

Neglect: The neglect of a child or the failure to protect a child from exposure to any kind of danger, including cold or starvation, or failure to fulfill any important aspects of care resulting in the significant impairment of the child's health development.

Physical Injury: Actual sexual exploitation or failure to prevent physical injury to a child.

Sexual Abuse: Actual sexual exploitation or failure to prevent sexual exploitation of a child.

Emotional Abuse: Adverse affects on the emotional and behavioral development of a child caused by emotional ill treatment or rejection. All abuse involves some emotional ill treatment or rejection.

### Roles and Responsibilities

All coaches, managers' members and volunteers of Killingworth YPC working one to one with a child or young person will be subject to a Criminal Record Bureau Disclosure

All members and volunteers of Killingworth YPC are reminded of the following:

The child's and young person's welfare is the paramount consideration.

Treat each child and young person with respect.

All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and addressed immediately and appropriately.

Work in partnership with the children and young people and their parents/guardians.

Provide a safe and secure environment for all children and young people involved with Killingworth YPC

Remain vigilant to possible signs and symptoms of child abuse.

Implement Killingworth YPC prescribed procedure for reporting and recording concerns relating to any child young person.

Ensure any unfamiliar individuals entering the clubs premises or attending events are appropriately challenged.

Reporting Procedures The following guidelines are relevant whether you are informed

directly by a child or young person, a third party or your own observations within a football environment .

Ensure the immediate safety or welfare of the child or young person.

If the child or young person requires immediate medical treatment, take the child or young person to hospital or telephone for an ambulance. Inform the doctors of any concerns and ensure they are aware that this is a Child Protection issue.

Report concerns to the designated person for Child Protection or the individual in charge immediately, unless the concern relates to the subject.

In the event the designated person is unavailable or the concern relates to this person, report your concerns to the local social services, police or the FA/NSPCC Child Protection help line.

These agencies will advise you whether a formal referral to Social Services is necessary and the nature of any further action required. If you are required to make a formal referral make it clear to Social Services or the Police that it is a Child Protection referral.

Please note that in the event the concern relates to a person involved within a football environment and you are unable to contact the appropriate designated person, you should also inform The FA Ethics and Sports Equity Department on (0207)-745 4914 and advise them of the action in accordance with FA procedures you have implemented.

Appointed Child Protection Officer.  
Mr. Peter Medlen