



AFC Darwen Whistleblowing Policy

Reporting your concerns about the welfare of a child or young person - Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child it is important that you report your concerns - no action is not an option.

If you are worried about a child then you need to report your concerns to AFC Darwen Welfare Officer

If the issue is one of poor practice they will either:

- a. deal with the matter themselves or
- b. seek advice from the LFA Welfare Officer

If the concern is more serious - possible child abuse - they will, where possible, contact the LFA Welfare Officer first, then immediately contact the Police or Children's Services

- If the child needs immediate medical treatment arrangements will be made to take them to a hospital or call an ambulance and tell them this is a child protection concern. The matter will immediately be reported to the LFA Welfare Officer
- If at any time are not able to contact your Club Welfare Officer or the matter is clearly serious then you can either:
 1. contact your LFA Welfare Officer direct
 2. contact the Police or Children's Social Care
 3. call the NSPCC 24 hour Helpline for advice

Useful Numbers:

AFC Darwen Welfare Officer: 01254 5830748

Lancashire Football Association Welfare Officer: 01772 624000

NSPCC 24 hour Helpline -

- Telephone: 0808 800 5000
- Email: help@nspcc.org.uk
- Text 88858

Police: 101

CEOP: -Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre address is:

Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre

33 Vauxhall Bridge Road

London SW1V 2WG

Please be advised that the CEOP Reception is manned from 09:00 till 17:00, Monday to Fridays.



Contact them by

- online contact form : <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>
- Telephone: +44 (0)870 000 3344

Children Social Care:

Phone Number(s) 01254 666400 (8:30am and 5:00pm, Monday to Friday)

Fax Number(s) 0845 606 6654

E-mail: CYPReferrals@blackburn.gov.uk

Extra Information

Out of hours – Emergency Duty Team: 01254 587547

