

## **Club Safeguarding Officer**

What you can do for your club:

- Provide leadership in safeguarding children within the club
- Ensure a supportive and positive environment, in which children can enjoy rugby safely, is maintained
- Keep up to date with and implement new safeguarding developments
- Make sure everyone understands the RFU Codes of Conduct and Core Values: Teamwork, Sportsmanship, Enjoyment, Discipline, Respect

Supported by your CB Safeguarding Manager you will:

- Develop Safeguarding policies and procedures in conjunction with RFU guidance
- Maintain a system of DBS checking anyone working with young people
- Arrange a programme of training for club personnel working with young
- people (eg Safeguarding-Play it Safe and In Touch courses)
- Ensure that all safeguarding issues and incidents are reported promptly
- Keep up-to-date contact details for the local statutory agencies (police/social
- services etc.) and liaise with them when necessary
- Ensure all parents of new mini & junior players are aware of and have access to, the club Safeguarding policy
- Be aware of individual children's special educational or medical needs and the need to inform appropriate club age-group coaches/managers
- Ensure club first aid arrangements comply with RFU protocols
- Monitor the club website and report or amend inappropriate content
- Verify and confirm club accreditation information
- Distribute new information concerning the safeguarding of young people

Ideally, you'll need:

- Resilience and determination
- Strong attention to detail
- The ability to be objective
- To be approachable and empathetic
- To be dedicated to the cause of safeguarding young people under 18yrs
- A background in child protection from any of the statutory agencies (Police, Social Services, Children's Services)

What you'll get out of it:

A highly respected and very important role, you will report to the Club Executive Committee and work closely with the Club Senior and Mini/Youth Honorary Secretaries, the Club Youth Registrar, and the Club Coaching Coordinator. You will need to be visible and approachable to all club members, posting your contact details on club notice boards, the club website and the RFU Game Management System (GMS). Your role in safeguarding children and young people within your club is crucial and you will get a great deal of satisfaction seeing how young players develop.

How much time it will take up:

About 6 hours a week, mainly in the evenings and at weekends