



Newcastle Schools' Football Association Child Protection / Safeguarding

Every child / young person who plays or participates in football should be able to take part in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse. This is the responsibility of every adult involved in football.

If you have any concerns regarding the Safeguarding of young people in football, please do not hesitate to contact our Child Welfare Officer, Sam Donovan

The FA has commissioned a dedicated NSPCC free helpline for adults who were victims of sexual abuse in childhood within the football industry.

Staffed by independent, experienced NSPCC professionals, the helpline will offer support and guidance for adults who were victims of childhood sexual abuse within the game at all levels from grassroots to Premier League and is a safe space for any further whistleblowing.

The helpline is available 24 hours a day on 0800 023 2642.

Trained staff will offer support, advice and guidance, and will refer cases on to the police or other agencies as appropriate, such as if a child is in immediate danger.

Referrals of concerns about recent and non-recent incidents in schools' football should continue to be made to ESFA National Welfare Officer Sarah DaCosta sarah.dacosta@schoolsfa.com tel 07960500723 or directly to The FA's safeguarding team via safeguarding@thefa.com

The Newcastle Schools' FA Welfare Officer is:

Sam Donovan

His contact details are: