



Berkswell CC – Whistleblowing

What is Whistleblowing

Whistleblowing in a safeguarding context means revealing and raising concerns over misconduct or malpractice within an organisation, or within an independent structure associated with it.

It can be used as an early warning system or when it's recognised that appropriate actions have not been taken.

Any adult or young person with concerns about a person's conduct towards a child, young person or adult at risk, should make a report.

How to share a concern

If you have any concerns about a child or adult at risk or the behaviour of an adult towards either of these, you should share these immediately. It is natural to feel a little anxious about reporting a safeguarding concern, but remember, it is not your responsibility to decide if abuse or neglect has taken place, but you do have a duty of care to share any concerns you have.

There are a number of ways to report a concern:

- To your Club Safeguarding Officer – Dean Wragg (07812 346688 / daw@brigroup.co.uk)
- To your County Safeguarding Officer – Mrs Amanda Felton (07436 220332 / amandafelton@edgbaston.com)
- To the ECB Directly – you can do this by calling 020 7432 1200 and asking for a member of the Safeguarding Team or by emailing safeguarding@ecb.co.uk.
- If urgent and you cannot contact your club, or County Safeguarding Officer, you should call the NSPCC 24-hour helpline on 0808 800 5000 or email: help@nspcc.org.uk.
- If it is an emergency and someone is at immediate risk, then call the Police or Children's Social Care in your area.

What to report

Where possible it is helpful to provide the following information but please do not delay making a report due to the lack of information. If you have a concern report it.

Useful information:

- Your details
- Name of club, venue, organisation or activity you are concerned about
- Details of the person you are concerned about
- Time and location of concern
- What your concern is
- Any witnesses to the concern
- What action if any has already taken and by whom