

2023/24 Child Welfare Officer's Report



I am pleased to say that we've had very few child welfare or disciplinary referrals during the season, all of which have been dealt with in house and with no need for County involvement. That said, there is a tendency for issues to be referred to myself or the Management Committee relatively late on and which could have been handled much more easily had they been reported earlier.

We have had a small number of coaches be suspended in the year for failing to send in their DBS certificate when requested to do so by the FA. This is a pain to sort out, so please, when you receive your certificate, keep an eye out for an email from them asking for it and send it to them straight away if they do.

While not strictly child welfare related, we continue to see occasional issues regarding the touchline behaviour of parents and coaches - both home teams and opposition. Everyone should be mindful of the Club and FA's code of conduct and, if not confident on challenging this at the time, be clear that this should be reported at the earliest opportunity via one of the appropriate channels.

Many thanks

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