South Shields FC acknowledges that we have a responsibility to our Junior Members, to ensure that they are safe and protected.

All Coaches in our junior section must hold and enhanced CRC check proving they are safe to work in an environment with children. Further to this all coaches must be FA qualified to at least level 1 standard. Coaches must also continually update safeguarding of children certificate and emergency aid accreditation.

Checks and qualifications are held by Durham FA on their data base and if a parent so requests those details can be obtained by the Club Welfare Officer.

Failure of Coaches to update these requirements may lead to suspension by the Club.

The annual Charter Standard process cannot be completed if any team within the club is not up to date with all qualifications and certificates. South Shields FC are proud to be an FA Charter Standard Club.

The Management Committee will be responsible to ensure that any Child Protection issues are addressed appropriately.

South Shields FC operates an "Open Door" Policy in respect of Safe Guarding children and actively encourages Parents with any concerns to approach our Club Welfare Officer in the knowledge that this will be treated confidentially.

The Club Welfare Officer for the junior section of our Club is **Martin Urwin** and he can be contacted on 0191 4542882 or at martinurwin909@msn.com.