



## Child Welfare Officer

At Crumlin United Youth Academy our designated Child Welfare Officer is Cathal O’Doherty, a Primary School Principal, who has a plethora of knowledge in child protection and child safety. If any parent, child or coach can speak confidentially to Cathal (07808931523) about any issues or advice they may require within the Youth Academy. See below why we have a child protection policy and welfare officer.

Why do we have a Child Protection Policy?

- To protect the club, staff, children and volunteers
- Demonstrates best practice guidelines are being adhered to
- Reassurances for everyone involved
- Emphasises what standards are expected

Roles and Responsibilities of a Child Welfare Officer:

- Promote best practice
- Ensure widespread dissemination of the organisation’s Child Protection Policy and procedures
- Organise safeguarding and vetting (Access NI Police Check)
- Record all concerns
- Report incidents, suspicions/allegations of abuse if necessary to Social Services, PSNI, NSPCC
- The Child Welfare Officer will work in accordance with the Irish FA’s Child and Player Welfare Department