

SAFEGUARDING & WELFARE



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Teesside Lions has a dedicated group of Safeguarding officers to help create a safe and welcoming environment for our members, coaches and parents. If you have any questions relating to welfare/safeguarding or would like to raise a concern, one of our CWO is your main point of contact.

Our CWO helps to protect our young members against abuse of any kind. They also support the education of our coaches, volunteers and committee members on good practice, processes & procedures and what to do if they have concerns about a young person's safety.

Our CWO also assists Basketball England if there are any investigations/concerns raised against the club. This involves:

- Being a point of contact between the club and NGB for when concerns are raised against the club.
- Being able to collate evidence/information regarding concerns.
- Being able to collect statements/witness accounts of any concern.
- Being able to compile any evidence in a suitable manner that can be submitted to Basketball England.

Club Welfare Officer Contact Details:



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POLICY FOR LATE COLLECTION

Teesside Lions has a late collection procedure as outlined below.

Please ring/message the staff contact number below if there is any likelihood of late collection.

Staff Contact Name and Phone Number: **James Thomson 07795431869**

Coaches may not be able to answer their phone during training/games but please leave a message.

There will be space in Registration Form to provide an alternative contact name and number which will be used if you cannot be reached on your usual number.

In cases of late collection, **staff will:**

- attempt to contact the parents on their contact numbers;
- use the alternative contact name/number if possible;
- wait with the child at the sport facility, with other staff or parents present if possible;
- if the child is not collected within 30 minutes of the end of the session, the staff member should speak to the Club Welfare Officer to decide whether it is necessary to contact Children's Social Care, for example, where the staff member has not been able to make contact with a parent/guardian;
- remind parents of the policy relating to late collection.

In cases of late collection, **staff will not:**

- take the child home or to any other location without speaking to their parents;
- send the child home with another person without permission from a parent;
- leave the child on their own;
- ask the child to wait in a vehicle or sport facility with you alone.

Club Coach Key Contact Numbers

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