

Simon Bell GJFC H&S Officer report season 2020/ 2021

1. Introduction

Due to the Covid-19 crisis I decided it was important to stay on and support the GJFC Management team and rest of the Club for the 2020 – 2021 season, adding an extra year to what I had always expected. The 2019 / 2020 season would have been my last season in the H&S Officer role for GJFC, with my son and his friends and teammates finishing at U18 and going on to University and jobs.

I would like to thank everyone for everything I have enjoyed with GJFC in all my time in this role. Many thanks also go to all the managers from every team for the commitment they have given to keeping football going for the children who are our members over the past 11 months. From the engagement in the sessions with Kevin Harrison and myself last July, to the Risk Assessments and all the ongoing efforts they have all made. When legally permitted to do so GJFC has provided football safely and to the greater benefit of children's physical and emotional wellbeing under unprecedented circumstances.

I am pleased that despite the pandemic I am finishing with the Club in a good position and I know it will continue to thrive. The club is fortunate to have Ruth McGahan volunteer to take over as the H&S Officer, (subject to the AGM processes). Ruth is well qualified in Health and Safety, the mum of a player in one of our younger age group teams and will do very well indeed in my view. She is thorough and has taken time to go through what is involved as part of deciding to be nominated to succeed me. I wish her all the very best.

2. Updated and reviewed H&S Forms/documents for 2021 / 2022

These have been reviewed and updated as necessary. The head injury card and the Club Procedure for Health and Safety both by being in accordance with guidance from FA Medical & Sports Science Team and The FA/ FIFA Laws of the Game concerning Equipment respectively. Furthermore, due to the ongoing COVID- 19 Risk all applicable documentation includes the following information to reassure all stakeholders in GJFC and this is translated across into our ongoing procedures and protocols

'COVID- 19 To reassure you GJFC follow the advice and guidance of The Football Association, Public Health England and WRCFA (County FA) and all the respective leagues concerned with all grassroots/ junior football activity during the 2021 - 2022 season. See <https://www.thefa.com/about-football-association/covid-19>

3. Accident reports

I have received a small number GJFC Accident Record forms this year and I thank the managers concerned for these, in each case the correct Emergency Aid and other actions were followed. I encourage Managers to complete these for their own peace of mind. Just to reassure managers and coaches, these forms are for our records and monitoring and also WRCFA if needs be. We and WRCFA are here to support you, these forms are part of doing this. The updated forms are emailed to you for the AGM. So please print out a couple of

copies yourself and have ready in your First Aid / Managers bag. As it is best for managers and coaches have a hard copy pitch side should they need it.

4. First Aid

Concerning the FA First Aid/ Emergency Aid (now Introduction to First Aid in Football IFAiF), several people are no longer 'in date' for First Aid. This is completely due to the fact running any FA Courses which require physical attendance has not been possible due to COVID 19 restrictions.

The FA have now just launched a new online Introduction to First Aid in Football (IFAiF) course and have redeveloped this course as an online learning module, that Coaches and volunteers can complete at a time that suits them. The links have been sent out to those that need to renew these courses.

5. GJFC AED / Defibrillator Changing Rooms Shaw Lane

Following Leeds City Council staff repairing and reinstating the power supply to the cabinet a few months ago in time for the return of Grassroots Football , I have ensured that this was re- registered as a Community Public Access Defibrillator (CPAD) with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service so it can be available to anyone who needs it in an Emergency. The Cabinet location Callsign is WCPAD624. The cabinet and AED have been regularly checked throughout the season and had a notice that it was 'out of order' which coincided with lockdown and no football

Phase three of the 'FA AED / Defibrillator at a discount scheme' which we signed up to a couple of years ago finally came into effect, so we purchased a further AED last season. Should any Manager require this for a particular location, fixture or team please arrange this in advance with the Chair or Secretary.

6. GJFC Guidance 'Managers Completion of own team's FA emergency medical action plan'

As club Health and Safety Officer I have updated our GJFC guidance '*Information to assist Managers in completing their own team's FA emergency medical action plan*'. Completely up to date Community Public Access Defibrillator (CPAD) locations throughout our area from Yorkshire Ambulance Service together with CPAD Callsigns have been added to this, along with other information.

This should be used with the blank A4 version of the 'FA emergency medical action plan' form available with the AGM documents to download / print off. So, Managers/Coaches can complete it specifically for their own team. **I do urge Managers/Coaches to have completed the form to have their own team's FA emergency medical action plan in their First Aid Kit / managers bag so that it is there ready should it ever be needed.**