



**THE PFA INDEPENDENT
YOUTH ADVISORY SERVICE
& PFA SAFETY NET**





About me....



- George Bowyer, former Academy and Apprentice footballer with Rochdale Football Club.
- Experienced many positive and negative spells during my journey like many Academy Players.



At the PFA....



- PFA Youth Advisor providing Independent Advice to Academy Players, Trialists, Parents, Guardians and Carers.
- The PFA was aware of the challenges that Academy Players may encounter and experience during their time in the Academy system and introduced “The PFA Safety Net”.





The PFA Independent Youth Advisory Service



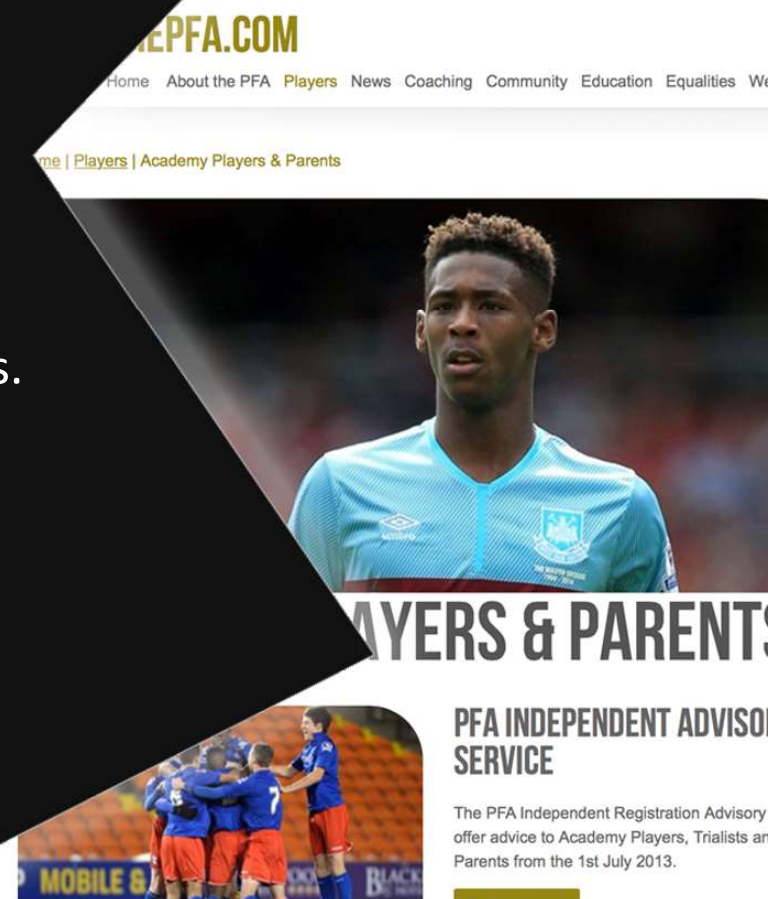
- The PFA Independent Youth Advisory service offers **Independent** advice in connection with the Youth Development rules which give effect to the Elite Player Performance Plan (EPPP).
- The PFA Independent Youth Advisory service is available to all Academy Players, Trialists, Parents, Guardians, and Carers.
- The service is entirely free to access, any enquires that are received remain confidential.



Where the service can be found?



- The PFA official website.
- PFA Independent Youth Advisory Booklet.
- Premier League Charter for Academy Players and Parents.
- English Football League Charter for Academy Players and Parents.
- The FA (Regulations On Working With Intermediaries) – Information for minors.





The PFA Independent Youth Advisory Service



- Premier League and English Football League Youth Development Rules
- Football Association and FIFA Rules and Regulations
- Academy Registration
- Scholarship Offers
- Time/Distance Regulations
- Academy Inductions
- End of Season Procedures
- Player Development & Progression
- Requesting Release
- Coaching Programme
- Education Programme
- Compensation
- Player Welfare
- Intermediaries

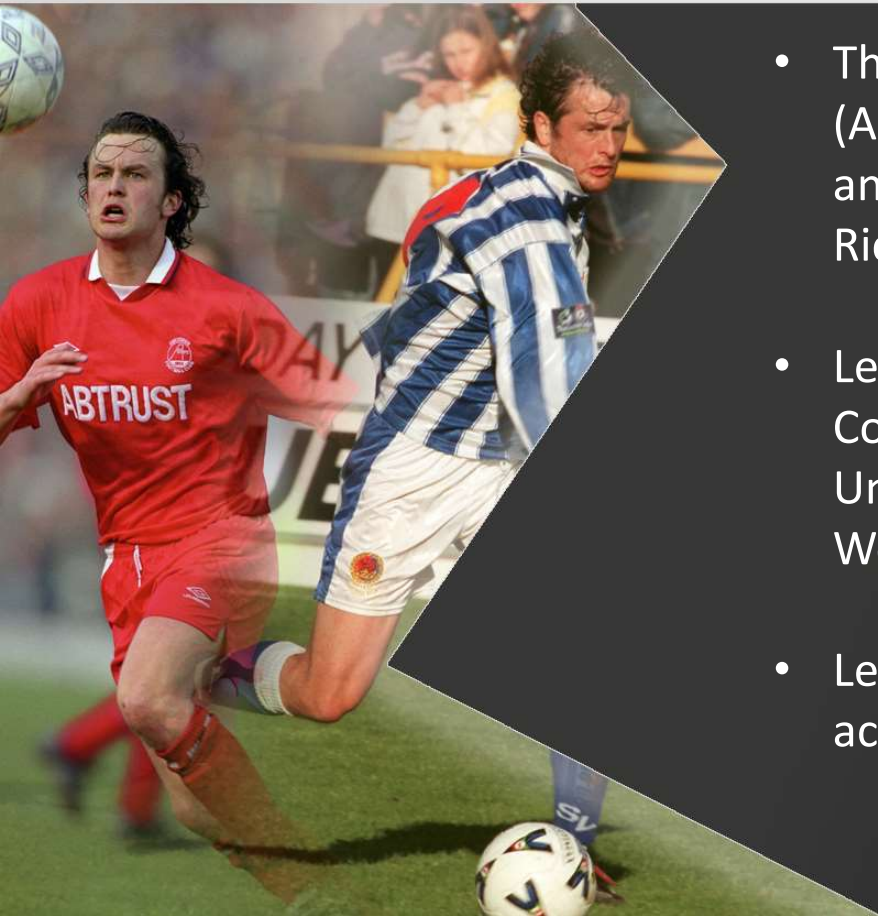
What is the PFA Safety Net?

- The PFA Safety Net is a Educational online platform, providing various resources including animated material and award winning Mental Health leaflets.
- The Safety Net platform is available to all (Academy Players, Trialists, Parents, Guardians, Carers, Coaches, and Welfare & Education officers) within the Academy as a platform of resource.
- Academy Players in all phases can access the PFA Safety Net resource for information.
- The Safety Net is a pathway for post 16 players / PFA members to access further support. This can be provided by the email support facility, the PFA 24/7 hotline, or the PFA's network of qualified counsellors.





How the PFA Safety Net was formed?



- The PFA Safety Net was developed for the PFA by AIM (Achievement In Mind) – Who include two PFA members and Ex- professional players Lee (MBPsS) & Nick Richardson.
- Lee has previously worked as a Sport Psychology Consultant within the Academy Setting at West Ham United, Wigan Athletic, Hull City, and is currently with Wolverhampton Wanderers.
- Lee is part of the PFA's qualified counsellors that is accessible through the PFA's 24/7 helpline.



www.ThePFA-SafetyNet.com

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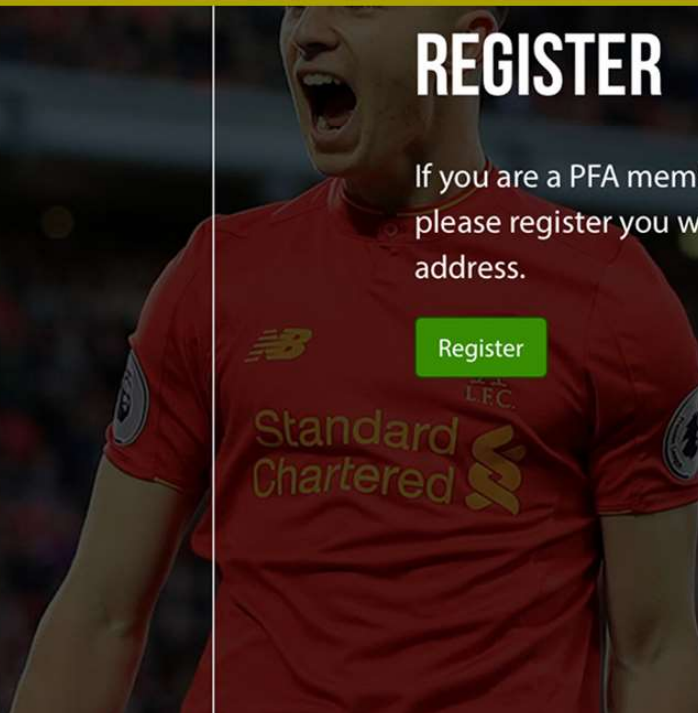
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EMAIL

PASSWORD

REGISTER

If you are a PFA member but not registered please register you will only need an email address.





Once you have registered



- Once registered you will be able to access the material at any time that suits you.
- The information and material that is available is tailored dependent on the users details they provide when initially registering for the first time.

WHEN YOU ARE FRUSTRATED.

Coping with anger when things go wrong...



PFA Safety Net Introduction





Highlighted on the PFA Safety Net



- Mental Health
- Lifestyle
- Relationships
- Football
- Further Help
- Other websites
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Gambling
- Bullying
- Wellbeing
- Self Help

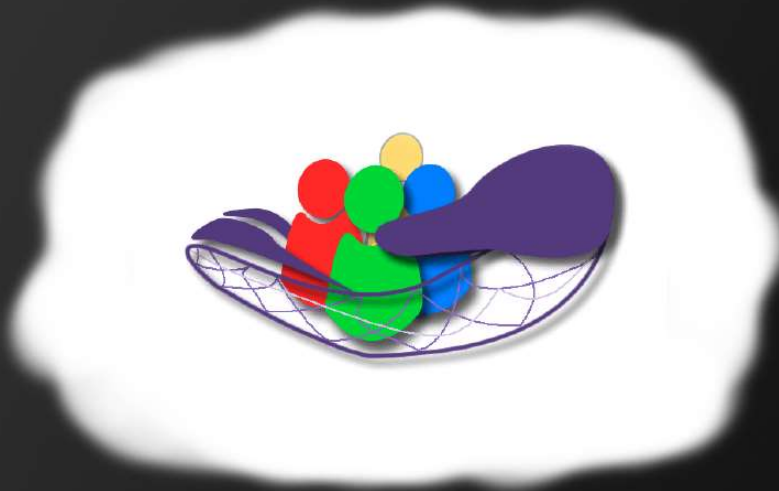




Further Support / Other Websites



- “Other Websites” section offers users the ability to access a list of external agencies and voluntary sector specialists (MIND, Samaritans, Gamble Aware, Young Minds, NHS).
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Thank You! Any Questions?

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