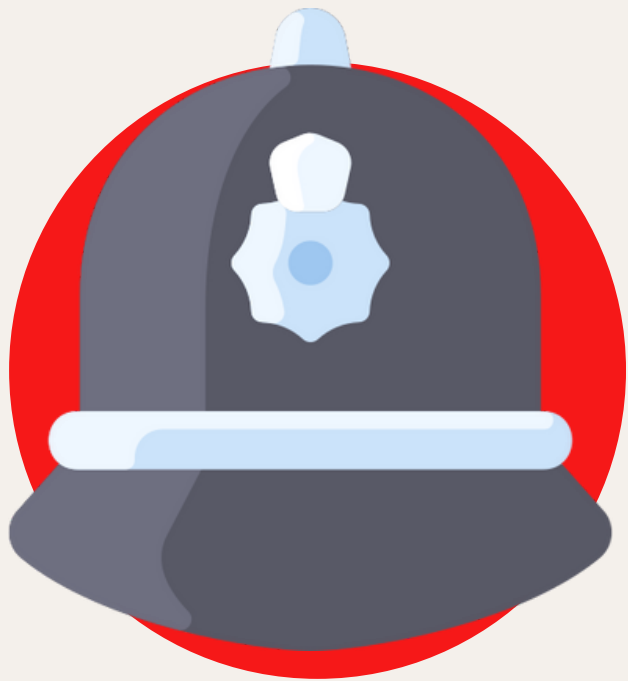


REPORTING DISCRIMINATION & ABUSE

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media is a brilliant tool for grassroots Clubs and Participants to connect with one another however it has also become its own arena for online abuse which can include language aggravated by a Protected Characteristic. Any use of abusive language and/or language aggravated by a Protected Characteristic would constitute breaches of FA Rules E3.1 and E3.2 and disciplinary can be taken against any Participant in football for breaches of these FA Rules, even if it takes place online.

There are multiple ways that online abuse and online discriminatory language can be reported for further investigation and potential disciplinary action.



To the Police

If you believe that a hate crime has been committed online, it can be reported to the Police through completion of their online report form found here:

https://www.report-it.org.uk/your_police_force

Alternatively you can call **101, 999** (for an emergency) or go to any **Police Station**.



To the Social Media companies

Social Media sites will allow you to report any tweet, retweet, post, image, comment or video through their own reporting system. Guidance on how to do this can be found here:

<https://www.thefa.com/inclusion-and-anti-discrimination/reporting-discrimination/social-media>



Through Kick It Out

Discrimination and abuse can be reported to Kick It Out via their online report form found here:

<https://www.kickitout.org/report>

Alternatively you can report through their app or via email to report@kickitout.org

Through The FA

You can report the matter straight to The FA via completion of the online reporting form found here:

<https://www.thefa.com/inclusion-and-anti-discrimination/reporting-discrimination/grassroots-game>



Support

If you have been a victim of online discriminatory language and require formal support, The FA's affiliated charity **Sporting Chance** have services for all Participants in grassroots football which can be accessed at support@sportingchanceclinic.com or through calling **07780 008877** between 9 AM and 5 PM Monday - Friday.

If you believe any online abuse or use of discriminatory language has been used by a Club or Participant in football operating in Northumberland, you can report the matter to Discipline@NorthumberlandFA.com so that we can investigate.

