

SAFEGUARDING SERVICE – STATEMENT OF INTENT 2016-17

We, at The United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust, take our Safeguarding responsibilities very seriously. We work closely with other Agencies within Lincolnshire to ensure a seamless, co-ordinated approach to both the adults and children receiving our care, and to the children of adults in our care.

In 2014, we were able to demonstrate that we fulfilled our responsibilities for Safeguarding Children and Young People. Our progress will be re-assessed during 2017.

The Trust has an Executive Lead for Safeguarding (a position currently held by our Director of Nursing); in addition to a Named Consultant; Named Nurse for Safeguarding Children; a Named Professional for Safeguarding Adults, and both a Named and Specialist Midwife for Safeguarding. These Professionals provide training, advice and support to staff, patients and other Agencies.

The Trust works in partnership with the Local Authority to safeguard vulnerable Adults and Children/Young people. The Local Authority has its own Safeguarding Adult Board (LSAB) and Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB), and our Trust is represented by our Named Professionals. The Safeguarding Boards maintain and develop multi-Agency processes to assist in Safeguarding Adults and Children/Young People; and to co-ordinate what action is taken by each individual Agency to ensure responsibilities are met.

In order to ensure our Trust responsibilities are met, we have an established Safeguarding Committee, which reports to the Trust Board. The Committee is currently in the process of developing a Work Plan for 2016-17, to ensure we have a clear focus for prioritising tasks over the coming year.

The Trust has a Statutory Duty to protect Children and Young people from harm and, as part of the wider remit of Safeguarding, to promote their welfare.

This means working in partnership with other Agencies to:

- Protect children and young people from abuse
- Prevent impairment of children's health or development
- Ensure children and young people grow up in circumstances consistent with provision of safe and effective care.

The Trust works hard to ensure that all Adult patients are cared for in a safe, secure and caring environment. To achieve this, we work in partnership with other Agencies, and in accordance with the responsibilities detailed within the Care Act 2014, to ensure:

- Processes are in place to prevent harm
- Processes are in place for effectively responding, where there is a high risk of harm or harm may have been experienced
- Processes are in place to learn from events
- Processes are in place to gather the adult's wishes on the events and outcomes.

We aim to fulfill our commitment to Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of Children, Young People and vulnerable Adults by:

- Having clear lines of accountability and structures
- Supporting a culture that enables Safeguarding issues and promotion of children's welfare to be raised and addressed
- Ensuring staff receive adequate training to identify and protect people from abuse
- Ensuring that the patient is at the centre of their care and treatment plan

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