

## **Safeguarding Declaration July 2025**

At Lincolnshire Community and Hospitals Group we take our Safeguarding Responsibilities seriously.

The Group is made up of Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust and United Lincolnshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. Both Trusts remain separately registered organisations with the shared oversight of a Group Board.

The Board of Directors take their responsibility for safeguarding very seriously. The Group is therefore making a declaration of compliance with the following aspects of Safeguarding Children, Adults at Risk, Domestic Abuse and PREVENT.

The Group have governance processes in place by way of a Safeguarding and Vulnerabilities Oversight Group which reports to the Quality Committee on a bi-monthly basis.

Each Trust has an Executive Lead for Safeguarding, a position currently held by the Group Chief Nurse; in addition to a Group Director of Safeguarding and Patient Experience who leads the Safeguarding and Vulnerability Teams within the Trusts.

Both Trusts have the relevant statutory posts in place, relevant to their organisational structure. These include Named Nurse and Named Doctor for Safeguarding Children, Named Nurse/Professional for Safeguarding Adults, Named Midwife (ULTH) and Named Anaesthetist (ULTH). These Professionals provide training, advice and support to staff, patients and other agencies.

Our Safeguarding Teams are clear about their roles and have sufficient time and support to undertake them

The Group work in partnership with the Local Authority to Safeguard Children and Young people / Vulnerable Adults and are an active partner of the Local Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP) and the Local Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB).

All safeguarding policies and systems are up to date and robust, including a process for following up children who miss appointments and a system for flagging children and adults for whom there are safeguarding concerns. All safeguarding policies are reviewed on a 3 yearly basis or as guidance changes.

In 2024 both Trusts were able to demonstrate that they fulfilled their responsibilities for Safeguarding Children and Young People. This is a 3 yearly assessment process.

There is a Group Safeguarding Training Plan in place ensuring that Staff and Volunteers have completed and are up to date with Safeguarding Children and Adult training at appropriate level. All safeguarding training is reviewed on an annual basis and compliance is monitored by the Safeguarding and Vulnerabilities Oversight Group.

Both Trusts meet their statutory requirements with regards to the carrying out of disclosure and barring service checks.

The Group continues to ensure that all staff are aware of the Government's PREVENT strategy and have robust processes in place to ensure that any service user who may be at risk of radicalisation is identified and supported through the CHANNEL process.

The Trusts have a statutory Duty to Safeguard and Promote the Welfare of Children. in line with Section 11 of the Children Act 2004.

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 Trusts work 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 that processes are in place:

- To prevent harm.
- For effectively responding, where there is a high risk of harm or harm may have been experienced.
- To learn from events
- To gather the adults wishes on the events and outcomes

The Group aim to fulfil our commitment to Safeguard and Promote 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 adults and children 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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