

Adult Safeguarding Declaration

Adult Safeguarding means protecting an adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. It is about people and organisations working together to prevent and stop both the risks and experience of abuse or neglect, while at the same time making sure that the adult's wellbeing is promoted. (Care Act 2014)

Some adult patients may be at increased risk of harm, both in the community and in the hospital, because their health condition, or disability, makes them more dependent on others. They may need extra support to safeguard them from the risk of abuse or neglect. Staff are responsible for alerting our Safeguarding Adults Team to any concerns about, or suspected abuse of, an adult at risk.

At Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust we recognise that safeguarding adults at risk is everybody's business.

The Trust Board The Executive Lead for Adult Safeguarding is the Director of Nursing; a non executive director also leads on adult safeguarding and Chairs the Trust Adult Safeguarding Committee. The safeguarding team lead by the Safeguarding Adult Manager who ensures that there are structures in place to ensure that all adults receive safe care and are safeguarded appropriately. A safeguarding annual report is provided to the Board.

In order to demonstrate its commitment to ensuring safeguarding adults as a key priority, The Trust has put in place a number of safeguarding adults arrangements which includes reviewing its safeguarding adults policy and procedures in line with the Care Act 2014 and the London Multi-Agency Safeguarding Policy and Procedures in April 2016.

Our Safeguarding Adults Team:

- ensures we provide high-quality care to prevent safeguarding concerns
- provides an effective response where harm or abuse does occur
- provides training about safeguarding adults to clinical and non clinical staff
- works with other agencies such as social services and the Police to promote patient safety
- provides advice and support on matters concerning adults at risk, including patients with learning disabilities and victims of domestic violence and abuse.

Team Membership	WTE in Post
Adult Safeguarding Manager	1.0
Safeguarding Adults Advisors	3.0
Learning Disability Lead Nurses	2.0
Independent Domestic Violence Advocates	2.0
Team Adminsitrator	1.0

The trust has a robust safeguarding adults training programme which includes training on Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, Modern Slavery, Domestic Violence and Abuse, The Mental Capacity Act 2005 and the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.

The Health WRAP training (Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent) is mandatory for all clinical staff is delivered as face to face sessions. Prevent awareness training is also mandatory for all staff.

Safeguarding policies are in place in line with Local Safeguarding Adults Boards (LSAB) safeguarding processes. There is a robust audit programmes to assure it that safeguarding systems and processes are working

The Trust meets its statutory requirements with regard to the carrying out of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. All clinical staff employed at the Trust undergoes a DBS check prior to employment and those working with vulnerable adults undergo an enhanced level of assessment.

The Trust is a member of the Safeguarding Adults Boards for Bexley, Greenwich and Lewisham. The Trust works jointly with partners to ensure that the safeguarding adults is everyone's business and a key priority across health and social care economy.

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