

Safeguarding Declaration

As Care Providers, Care & Custody Police Services have a statutory duty to ensure that Safeguarding is a fundamental component of all care provided and have the appropriate arrangements in place to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults.

Safeguarding vulnerable people is complex and responding effectively and efficiently can be a challenging process. However, Care & Custody Police Services are committed to safeguarding all detainees and staff who access our services and in partnership with the Safeguarding Boards, statutory agencies and other provider organisations, we ensure that we protect the health and well-being and the rights of those identified as vulnerable.

With particular emphasis placed on the provision of greater assurance to the Board of Directors and external partners that those at the greatest risk of abuse, regardless of age, continue to be protected within our services; Care & Custody Police Services can demonstrate that we have the appropriate safeguarding leadership, expertise and commitment at all levels within our organisation and that we are fully engaged and in support of national and local accountability and assurance structures, via NHS England/Improvement.

The Director of Police Services is the Accountable Officer for Safeguarding Children and Adults, with me as the Medical Director / Board level Director. With accountability and responsibility to me, we have two dedicated Safeguarding Leads, who hold national operational and strategic responsibilities in ensuring that systems, processes, and practices align with legislation, policy and procedures.

Safeguarding forms part of our mandatory training, which ensures that our staff are appropriately trained in safeguarding children and adults, including the Mental Capacity Act (2005) and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (2009) at a level commensurate with their role and in line with the Intercollegiate Documents (2018, 2019, 2020 & 2024).

Care & Custody Police Services have the following structures in place:

- ✓ Safe recruitment practices and arrangements for dealing with allegations against people who work with children or vulnerable children as appropriate.
- ✓ A suite of safeguarding policies
- ✓ Training of all staff commensurate with their role and in accordance with the national frameworks
- ✓ Supervision arrangements for staff working with children / families or adults vulnerable to abuse or neglect
- ✓ Effective arrangements for engaging and working in partnership with other agencies.
- ✓ Identification of Designated Leads

Overall, Care & Custody Police Services are clear about our responsibilities and understand our role in promoting the welfare of our service users by having the necessary arrangements in place to recognise, act upon and monitor our safeguarding standards. We continually drive the culture that safeguarding is everybody's responsibility and we regularly review/audit across the organisation to ensure that the systems and processes are effective.

Based on the above, when considering our position regarding Safeguarding Children and Adults, Care & Custody Police Services Board has the necessary assurance that the organisation is meeting its statutory requirements, is following good practice and is appropriately able to discharge its legal duty.



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