

NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board Safeguarding Declaration

Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board (ICB) is committed to the protection of vulnerable children and adults. The ICB will execute its statutory duties under the Children Act 2004 and the Care Act 2014 by ensuring that all staff are trained to the required level according to their role and responsibilities. The principle philosophy is that safeguarding is everybody's business and all staff will respond to concerns, raise safeguarding awareness and address any emerging issues.

As a commissioning organisation the ICB will ensure that all health services contracted by it have robust processes in place to prevent, identify and act upon abuse of any patient, this includes those services having clear accessible policy and procedures, safer recruitment, training and governance systems.

The ICB is a key partner for both Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership and Telford and Wrekin Safeguarding Partnership Children and Adult Boards. This work is further supported with continued engagement in respective subgroups to ensure continued comprehensive partnership working.

Safeguarding Team

The ICB has clear lines of accountability and responsibility for safeguarding:

Accountable Officer; Simon Whitehouse

Chief Nursing Officer; Alison Bussey

Named GPs for Safeguarding Adults and Children; Dr Luen Wong and Dr Ella Baines; respectively

The ICB has a dedicated Safeguarding Team and Designated and named professionals who are clear about their role and have sufficient time to undertake it. The Organisation has access to a Safeguarding Team made up of;

- Associate Director Safeguarding
- Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Children and Young People
- Designated Nurse for Looked After Children
- Designated Professional for Safeguarding Adults
- Designated Doctor Consultant Paediatrician
- Designated Doctor for Looked After Children
- Designated Doctor for Sudden Unexpected Death of Infant / Child (SUDIC)
- Named GPs

In addition the ICB gives support to GP practice staff and encourages all GP practices to have a named safeguarding champion who will ensure safeguarding principles are embedded in front line practice.

Governance

The Chief Nursing Officer is the Governing Body Executive Lead for Safeguarding, and has responsibility for providing leadership and gaining assurance in relation to safeguarding issues within the ICB and provider organisations.

The reporting of safeguarding issues is explicit within the governance framework and embedded into quarterly reports to the Governing Body. This reporting mechanism supports continual improvement of quality and organisational learning of lessons from incidents and individual experience.

The ICB Safeguarding Declaration will be reviewed annually.

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