

## Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults during Volunteering



Safeguarding means protecting people's health, wellbeing and human rights and enabling them to live free from harm, abuse and neglect. It is a key part of providing high-quality healthcare.

Those most in need of protection include:

- Children and young people
- Adults, such as those receiving care in their own home, people with physical, sensory and mental impairment and those with learning disabilities.

Prior to starting your volunteer placement you must complete your mandatory training which covers the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

Whilst you are volunteering at the hospital it is important that you raise and safeguarding concerns you have, please do not ignore it. Please raise your concerns immediately with a senior member of staff on your ward or department area. Alternatively, you can contact the Volunteers Office on 01743 261473.