

## Safeguarding Children & Adult Strategy 2023-2026

Safeguarding Children covers unborn children and children up to their 18th birthday.

Safeguarding Children is defined by the Children Act 1989

*“Agencies and Organisations working with children and young people take all reasonable measures to ensure that risk of harm to individuals welfare are minimised. Where there are concerns that a child is suffering or likely to suffer significant harm, all agencies and organisations take appropriate actions to address those concerns working to local policies and working in partnership with other local agencies”*



Safeguarding Adults refers to the multi agency procedures for protecting adults with care and support needs who are at risk from abuse or neglect.

The Care Act supports the promotion of the well-being of individuals, and of making sure that professionals always recognise that each person’s needs are different, and respond accordingly

Wherever possible the adult will be involved in decisions about reporting a safeguarding concern.

All adults have a right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect

SaTH aims to meet the safeguarding needs of all our patients, carers, staff and visitors.

We will

- Have an effective Safeguarding Team which will cover Maternity, Children and Adults
- Engage with patients and their carers who may lack capacity
- Ensure that Contextual Safeguarding and ‘Think Family’ is a Trust wide approach to all our clinical work
- We will endorse and integrate lessons learned from Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews, Adult Safeguarding Reviews, Domestic Homicide Reviews and Child Death Reviews

**Safeguarding arrangements and procedures** will be effective to support and protect those most vulnerable in our communities.

We will have accountable and transparent governance arrangements within our organisation, working in partnership with both the Shropshire Safeguarding Partnership Board and the Telford & Wrekin Safeguarding Partnership Board.

All staff will be supported in their work to be confident through appropriate to role levels of training, supervision and expert advice from the Safeguarding Team. This will be in compliance with the Intercollegiate Document ( Children 2019) and Intercollegiate Document ( Adults 2018) which identify the safeguarding roles and competences for all staff working in the Trust.

SaTH will provide robust leadership at every level.

Underpinned by

- The Care Act ( 2014)
- The Mental Capacity Act (2005)
- The Mental Capacity ( Amendment ) Act 2019
- Working Together to Safeguard Children ( 2018)
- Multi Agency Safeguarding Arrangements
- Child Death Processes

Think Family will be embedded across the Trust in order that staff think about family rather than the unborn child, child or adult in isolation.



With this Strategy, SaTH will meet both local and national requirements, competences and standards:

- Understanding own responsibilities for safeguarding
- Working Together across partner agencies, including Powys Health and Social Care Boards
- Membership of all Safeguarding Partnerships across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin
- We will demonstrate that we are a learning organisation by learning lessons from case reviews and embedding best practice across the Trust.
- Demonstrate a positive impact of Safeguarding on clinical practice through audit

## **Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility**

### **Silence Does Not Protect Children and Adults**

**Our Vision:** To provide excellent care for the communities we serve