

Safeguarding Declaration

In 2020 the Care Quality Commission (CQC) published a report on their review of the quality of care at Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust and we were rated as 'Good'. As part of the comprehensive inspection, the Safeguarding Children and Adults arrangements within the Trust were reviewed.

In line with this inspection and the CQC's assurance, Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust's Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), continue to monitor our processes, procedures and policies in regards to Safeguarding Children and Adults; and as there has been continued compliance evidenced in all areas of Safeguarding, our CCG have again given Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust a 'significant assurance' rating.

Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust has and continues to work with its partners to respond to initiatives and reviews at both national and local levels.

The Director of Nursing and Midwifery is the Board level Director for Safeguarding Children and Adults, with the Associate Director of Nursing and Midwifery for Safeguarding Children and Adults having direct responsibility and accountability to the Director of Nursing and Midwifery. The Board regularly reviews safeguarding arrangements across the organisation in order to ensure that the safeguarding systems and processes in place are effective.

In particular, the Board is assured that:

- Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust fulfils the statutory requirement to complete Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) checks effectively
- Safeguarding Children and Adult policies and procedures are regularly reviewed and effectiveness tested
- Safeguarding Children and Adults training is provided within the Trust and compliance levels are regularly reviewed and monitored internally and externally
- The Associate Director of Nursing and Midwifery for Safeguarding Children and Adults and Named Nurse/Midwife for Safeguarding Children, Named Doctor for Safeguarding Children, Named Doctor for Safeguarding Adults, Named Nurse for Safeguarding Adults and Safeguarding Specialist Staff are all clear about their roles and have sufficient time and support to undertake them

On the basis of this work Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust confirms that the Board has considered its own position in regards to Safeguarding Children and Adults and has the necessary assurance that it is meeting its statutory requirements and is following good practice.

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