

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 Integrated Care Board (ICB) continue to monitor our processes, procedures and policies in regard to Safeguarding Children and Adults; and as there has been continued compliance evidenced, our ICB 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.

Kathryn Thomson (CEO) is the Trust's Accountable Officer for Safeguarding, with the Chief Nurse being the Board level Director for Safeguarding Children and Adults. The Associate Director of Nursing and Midwifery for Safeguarding Children and Adults has direct responsibility and accountability to the Chief Nurse. The Trust 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 annually reviewed and effectiveness tested
- Safeguarding Children and Adults training is provided within the Trust and compliance levels are 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 Nurse for Looked after Children (LAC), Named Doctor for Safeguarding Children, Named Doctor for Safeguarding Adults, Named Nurse for Safeguarding Adults/Mental Capacity Act (MCA) Lead and Safeguarding Specialist Staff are all clear about their roles and have sufficient time and support to undertake them

Based on this work, Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust confirms that when considering its own position regarding Safeguarding Children and Adults, the Trust 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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