

# Safeguarding Declaration

All Care Providers have a statutory duty to have arrangements in place to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults. Safeguarding is a fundamental component of all care provided within Care & Custody Police Services and we are clear about our responsibilities, having the appropriate structures in place to recognise, act upon and monitor our safeguarding standards.

Care & Custody Police Services are committed to safeguarding all detainees who access our services. In partnership with the Safeguarding Boards, statutory agencies and other provider organisations, we work in partnership to safeguard children and adults; ensuring that we protect the health and well-being and the rights of those identified as vulnerable.

As safeguarding vulnerable people is complex, responding effectively and efficiently to the challenges of safeguarding both our detainees and staff can be a challenging process. As such, we can demonstrate particular emphasis placed on the provision of greater assurance to the Board of Directors and external partners that those at the greatest risk of abuse, regardless of age, continue to be protected within our services.

As a healthcare provider, Care & Custody Police Services can demonstrate that we have the appropriate safeguarding leadership, expertise and commitment at all levels of our organisation and that we are fully engaged and in support of national and local accountability and assurance structures, via NHS England/Improvement.

Safeguarding forms part of our mandatory training, which ensures that our staff are appropriately trained in safeguarding children and adults, including the Mental Capacity Act (2005) and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (2009) at a level commensurate with their role and in line with the Intercollegiate Documents (2018, 2019, 2020 & 2024).

Care & Custody Police Services continually drive the culture that safeguarding is everybody's responsibility and understand that we have a key role in promoting the welfare of our service users by having the necessary arrangements in place; which we regularly review/audit across the organisation to ensure that the systems and processes are effective.

- ✓ Safe recruitment practices and arrangements for dealing with allegations against people who work with children or vulnerable children as appropriate.
- ✓ A suite of safeguarding policies
- ✓ Training of all staff commensurate with their role and in accordance with the national frameworks
- ✓ Supervision arrangements for staff working with children / families or adults vulnerable to abuse or neglect
- ✓ Effective arrangements for engaging and working in partnership with other agencies.
- ✓ Identification of Designated Leads

The Director of Police Services, Neil Aubeelack, is the Accountable Officer for Safeguarding Children and Adults, with me as the Board level Director. Care & Custody Police Services National Safeguarding Leads for Children and Adults having responsibility and accountability to me.

Based on the above Care & Custody Police Services confirms that when considering its own position regarding Safeguarding Children and Adults, the 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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