

Safeguarding Children and Young People Declaration

Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is fully committed to ensuring the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people placed in our care. As part of this care Safeguarding Children arrangements have been put in place

These include:

- Being a responsible employer. We ensure that all staff and volunteers employed by the Trust are assessed for their suitability to work in a health care environment; this includes checking previous employment histories, seeking references, selection interviews and undertaking criminal record bureau checks.
- Having Safeguarding Children policies, guidelines and processes are in place including a policy for following up children who miss outpatient appointments to ensure their care and health is not affected. All policies and guidelines are regularly reviewed to ensure they remain fit for purpose and a robust Safeguarding Children audit programme is in place.
- Providing Safeguarding Children training in line with our Mandatory Training Policy. Staff have an important role in identifying and assessing safeguarding concerns and we recognise the importance of providing relevant up-to-date evidenced based training and training opportunities to support them in their clinical roles.
- Providing professional advice and support to staff through the Named Professionals for Safeguarding Children, these are the Named Doctor, Nurse and Midwife for Safeguarding Children who are led at a Trust Board level by the Executive Director of Nursing and Quality. The Safeguarding team are supported by senior staff including Consultant Paediatricians and link staff in key areas such as the Childrens Ward and ED. Collectively they work together to ensure that children who are assessed at being at risk from harm are managed in a sensitive and appropriate way
- Ensuring the Board is kept aware of Safeguarding Children activities within the Trust. The Board receives both annual report and quarterly Safeguarding Children reports. Quarterly Safeguarding updates are also provided for the Trust Clinical Governance Committee.

Further information regarding safeguarding arrangements at the Trust can be obtained from Susan Bowler, Executive Director of Nursing and Quality Tel: 01623 622515