

Safeguarding Children and Adults – Trust Declaration

The Luton and Dunstable University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults, and takes its responsibility seriously.

All staff have a duty to ensure that the human rights and dignity of people who use the service are respected and respond when people are in vulnerable situations.

As Chief Executive of the Luton and Dunstable University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, I have overall Board level responsibility for Safeguarding. Our Chief Nurse acts on my behalf to ensure that the Board of Directors are satisfied that all measures are taken to safeguard our patients - children and adults.

Actions taken and measures in place are as follows-

- Reports are presented to the Board of Directors annually on safeguarding children and adults and there is a clear reporting structure in place to raise issues throughout the year.
- Audits and reviews are carried out regularly to check and satisfy us that our systems and processes are effective.
- Clear procedures are in place in the Emergency Department (A&E/EAU) and staff receive regular update training on safeguarding children and adults.
- Clear procedures are in place to ensure that the Trust is working with other organisations to safeguard children and adults.
- Disclosure and Barring (DBS) checks are made on all new staff adhering to NHS employer guidelines and the Trust is compliant with safeguarding guidelines.
- Training in safeguarding is mandatory and is one of the components of the corporate induction programme and included in the annual mandatory refresher training which is also available as e-learning.
- All training arrangements are regularly reviewed and updated to reflect best practice.
- Named Doctor, Named Safeguarding Adults and Children's Nurses and Named Midwife have specific responsibility for safeguarding across all parts of our hospital – they are clear about their roles and are given sufficient time to fulfil their responsibilities.



David Carter
Chief Executive

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