

Safeguarding Declarations

The Board of the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust is assured that the following are in place in line with the recommendations of the Care Quality Commission to ensure that systems and processes are in place to safeguard all our patients whether they are children, young people or adults.

- The Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust meets all the statutory requirements in relation to Disclosure and Barring Service checks;
- The Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust has a child protection policy in place that has been reviewed and updated to meet the requirements of Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015);
- The Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust has a safeguarding adults policy that meets the requirements of the Care Act (2014) and Devon Safeguarding Adults Board multi-agency policy;
- The Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust has a process in place to ensure all children who miss an outpatient appointment for whom there are safeguarding concerns are flagged with the referrer;
- The Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust has an Integrated Safeguarding Committee chaired by the Deputy Chief Executive/Chief Nurse;
- All eligible staff within the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust have undertaken level 1 child protection and safeguarding adults/Mental Capacity Act training.
- Over 90% of clinical staff have completed level 2 child protection and level 2 safeguarding adults training. The Trust has a strategy to improve this figure further.
- The Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust has developed an internal Group 3 child protection training programme to meet the requirements for its clinical staff. Staff also attend the Group 3 child protection courses offered by Devon Children and Families Partnership.
- The Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust has lead safeguarding professionals - Named Doctor, Nurse and Midwife for Safeguarding Children to fulfil the requirements of Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015);
- To ensure the requirements of the Mental Capacity Act and the Care Act (2014), the Named Doctor for Safeguarding Adults and Nurse Consultant for Safeguarding are in post;
- The Board level Executive Lead with the responsibility for safeguarding in the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust is the Deputy Chief Executive/Chief Nurse.
- The Deputy Chief Executive/Chief Nurse is a member of the Devon Safeguarding Adults Board.

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Chief Executive

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