

Circle Health Group Safeguarding Statement of Purpose 2025 - 2027



At Circle Health Group, we take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously. We work closely with other agencies across England, Scotland and Wales to ensure a seamless, co-ordinated approach to both the adults and children receiving our care, to the children of adults in our care and our staff and students. In 2022-2024, we were able to demonstrate that we fulfilled our responsibilities for safeguarding children, young people and adults. Our progress will be reassessed during 2025-2027.

Circle Health Group has a national lead for safeguarding, an executive lead for child sex abuse and exploitation, and the Mental Capacity Act / Deprivation of Liberty, a national lead for children and young people and a Safeguarding Lead at each site/hospital within the Group. These professionals provide supervision, advice and support to staff, patients and their families and, when required, support liaison with other agencies.

Hospitals and sites across Circle Health Group work in partnership with their local NHS Trusts, Integrated Care Boards, and local authorities to safeguard vulnerable adults and children/young people. Safeguarding Leads from each site/hospital will represent Circle Health Group at local Safeguarding Adult Boards (LSAB) and Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB).

In order to ensure Circle Health Group's responsibilities are met, we have an established Safeguarding Committee, which reports to the Board. The Committee has a current work plan for 2025-2027 to ensure we have a clear focus for prioritising tasks over the next two years.

Circle Health Group has a statutory duty to protect children and young people from harm and, as part of the wider remit of safeguarding, to promote their welfare. This means working in partnership with other agencies to: protect children and young people from abuse; prevent impairment of children's health or development; ensure children and young people grow up in circumstances consistent with provision of safe and effective care.

Circle Health Group also works hard to ensure that all adult patients are cared for in a safe, secure and caring environment. To achieve this, we work in partnership with other agencies to ensure: processes are in place to prevent harm; processes are in place for effectively responding where there is a high risk of harm, or harm may have been experienced; processes are in place to learn from events.

We aim to fulfil our commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults at risk (including our staff and students) by: having clear lines of accountability and structures; supporting a culture that enables safeguarding issues and promotion of children's welfare to be raised and addressed; ensuring our training provision is in accordance with Prevent and intercollegiate guidance, and all staff receive adequate training to identify and protect people from abuse; ensuring that the patient is at the centre of their care and treatment plan.

Circle Health Group works hard to ensure that all patients and staff, children, young people and adults are cared for in a safe, secure and caring environment.

National Safeguarding Lead
Circle Health Group