

CCG Safeguarding Declaration 2020

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. As commissioners we are required to ensure that all services we commission have good safeguarding arrangements in place to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk of abuse living in our communities. The CCG is also required to take account of the principles within the Mental Capacity Act (2005) (MCA) and to ensure all services from whom it commissions services (both public, independent and voluntary and faith sectors) have a comprehensive policy relating to the MCA (2005) and if appropriate The Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards DoLS) (2009).

However, the CCG is clear that safeguarding is a whole health system priority and is committed to a partnership approach with our statutory partners. The CCG also recognises that implementation of the MCA is a shared responsibility with the need for effective joint working between agencies and professionals.

To achieve this we will commission services to promote and protect the human rights of each individual child or adult, their independence and their well-being. We will continue to secure assurance, from all service providers that we commission from on behalf of the population of East Lancashire, that any individual, child or adult, identified as being at risk is effectively safeguarded against abuse, neglect, discrimination, or poor treatment, and is treated with dignity and respect. We promote an open and honest culture, including reporting mechanisms in place if concerns arise regarding professionals within the health economy who work with children or vulnerable adults

We require all our providers to demonstrate their commitment to safeguarding responsibilities via their:

- Policies and procedures, including their alignment with Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool and Lancashire Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership (CSAP) and LSCB Adult Boards policies and Safeguarding Procedures.
- Staff training, ensuring that that all health professionals must have the requisite skills, knowledge and competence to undertake their specific roles, including independent contractors and allied health professionals in accordance with best practice and the standards set out in the Intercollegiate Documents (2015 Looked After Children, 2018 Adults and 2019 Children and Young People).
- Multi-agency working, ensuring links with the Local Safeguarding Adult Boards and Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool and Lancashire Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership (CSAP) and participation in any safeguarding reviews.
- Safer staff recruitment processes, including Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) checks and the inclusion of safeguarding responsibilities in all job descriptions.

As a CCG we can also demonstrate our commitment to our accountability for safeguarding through:

- Our safer staff recruitment processes, including DBS checks and the inclusion of safeguarding responsibilities in all job descriptions.
- Our safeguarding policies and procedures for all staff employed by the CCG
- Our training, safeguarding training is part of the mandatory induction for all new members of the CCG team; we actively support member practices to access training, including that provided by the Local Safeguarding Adult Boards and Safeguarding Children's partnership.
- Our governance, ensuring that safeguarding is embedded in all aspects of our core business and that safeguarding compliance & activity reporting is explicit within our governance framework.
- Our investment in designated safeguarding professionals (our Safeguarding team of designated professionals including the Designated Doctor & Designated Nurses for Children, Looked After Children and Adults and Mental Capacity Act Lead) whom are involved in the commissioning cycle and organisational decision making.
- Our partnership working, ensuring strategic and operational level partnership working, through our active membership of the Local Safeguarding Adult Boards and Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool and Lancashire Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership (CSAP)
- An annual safeguarding report is provided to demonstrate our safeguarding arrangements.
- Share an equal and joint responsibility with the police and the local authorities to be active members of the Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool and Lancashire Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership (CSAP)
- Meet our statutory requirement, alongside our Local Authority Partners to share responsibility for and be active members of the Child Death Overview Panel
- Work in partnership with the local authorities to fulfil our statutory requirements to promote the health and wellbeing of Looked After Children and as their corporate parent.

Safeguarding Children and Young People 0-18 years

Safeguarding is the action taken to keep children safe from abuse and neglect to enable them to meet their full potential. It is important that we work together to make sure all children and people are effectively safeguarded from harm. If you have concerns that a child or young person is at risk of harm or is being abused or neglected you can contact Blackburn Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS) to report your concern via the following contact details:

Blackburn Children's Advice and Duty Service 01254 666400 (Out of hours 01254 587547)

Further information is available on Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool and Lancashire Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership (CSAP) Safeguarding Children website. Please see the below link for the quick guide to making a child protection referral

http://blackburndarwenchildcare.proceduresonline.com/p_bwd_mash_pract_guide.html#1.-introduction

Please find below the Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool and Lancashire Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership (CSAP) Procedures Manual. Please refer to these if you have a concern about a child or young person to assist you in your decision making and completing a safeguarding referral to Children's Social Care as necessary.

<https://panlancashirescb.proceduresonline.com/index.htm>

Looked After Children 0-18 years (Child Looked After CLA)

In Lancashire children are referred to as being Children Looked After (CLA). CLA are under the care of the Local Authority under a care order or voluntary arrangement with the child's parents. Children Looked After may reside with foster carers, in residential homes, with family members or live independently. Children Looked After often have increased health risks and vulnerability compared to their peers due to the impact of their adverse childhood experiences.

If you have concerns that a child who is looked after may be at risk of or being abused or neglected you can contact Lancashire Multi agency Safeguarding Hub (M.A.S.H) to report your concern:

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0300 123 6720 (or between 8.00pm - 8.00am on 0300 123 6722.)

The CCG is one of the 3 statutory partners as part of the Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool and Lancashire Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership. If you have a concern about a child or young person, please refer to these (CSAP) Procedures Manual procedures to assist you in your decision making. These procedures can be found by clicking here:

<https://panlancashirescb.proceduresonline.com/index.htm>

Safeguarding Adults

The Care Act (2014) identifies an adult at risk as being:

'A person who has needs for care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any of those needs), and as a result of those needs, the person is unable to protect him/herself against abuse, neglect, exploitation or the risk of it.'

If you have concerns that an adult is at risk of or is being abused/neglected you can contact Blackburn with Darwen Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (M.A.S.H) to report your concern on the appropriate number below. If you have concerns about an adult, who does not meet the Care Act (2014) criteria, please seek further advice.

Duty Safeguarding Social worker 01254 585949 (Out of Hours Tel: 01254 587547)

Further information is available on Lancashire Council website Please see the link for Lancashire Safeguarding Adults procedures for responding and reporting safeguarding concerns. <http://www.lsab.org.uk/policies/>

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