

SAFEGUARDING POLICY Peninsula Ultrasound Ltd

The aim of this policy is to make sure we (Peninsula Ultrasound) report **safeguarding** concerns about children, young people, adults and vulnerable adults at risk to the designated lead.

This policy is designed to support staff in raising any concerns with the DSL.

It is our Policy to ensure all staff are trained to Level 1 Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults and Children with the DSL being trained to Level 3.

We follow a safe recruitment practice by ensuring that an Enhanced DBS check is completed.

Any concerns with a patient (directly or indirectly) should be raised with DSL in writing or via a phone call. It is the responsibility of DSL to record next steps. DSL to contact MARU or MASH with any concerns (all concerns must be recorded).

'Say something if you see something' - It is **everyone's** responsibility to report any concerns.

What is Safeguarding?

The term safeguarding is used to define actions taken to protect vulnerable groups from harm. This harm might come from adults or other children and, as someone working closely with vulnerable groups, it's important you understand what safeguarding is and why it's important.

Definitions

A **vulnerable adult** is defined as a person who, for any reason, may be unable to take care of themselves or protect themselves against significant harm or exploitation. Safeguarding vulnerable adults involves reducing or preventing the risk of significant harm from neglect or abuse.

This does not only refer to adults who lack capacity. Adults with full capacity can still be considered vulnerable if they are unable to take care of themselves or protect themselves from significant harm.

When safeguarding a vulnerable adult you:

- Ensure they can live in safety, free from abuse and neglect.
- Empower them by encouraging them to make their own decisions and provide informed consent.
- Prevent the risk of abuse or neglect, and stop it from occurring.
- Promote their well-being and take their views, wishes, feelings and beliefs into account.

Safeguarding Children

Legally, a child is defined as anyone under the age of 18. Therefore, safeguarding children is about protecting all those under 18 from harm.

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When safeguarding a child you:

- Protect them from abuse, maltreatment and exploitation.
- Prevent anything from harming their health or development.
- Ensure they can grow up under safe and effective care.
- Take action to ensure they have the best outcomes in life.

Part of the safeguarding process is identifying and protecting children suffering from, or likely to suffer from, significant harm.

All children are covered by child protection and safeguarding guidance and legislation.

Why is Safeguarding Important?

Working with vulnerable groups is very rewarding, but it comes with many responsibilities. Everyone has a right to live their lives free from fear, abuse and neglect and, if you work with or around vulnerable groups, you have a responsibility to protect their safety and basic human rights.

Missing warning signs could have serious consequences and leave vulnerable individuals open to abuse, neglect and exploitation. Poor safeguarding or a lack of safeguarding within your organisation could result in:

- Cases of abuse and neglect being missed.
- An increase in the cases or severity of abuse and neglect if they go unnoticed.
- Vulnerable adults and children being treated with a lack of compassion or empathy.
- Increased confusion and distress for individuals who are suffering but do not know who to talk to. This could adversely impact their behaviour, so you might notice more outbursts.
- Loss of dignity and liberty for vulnerable adults.

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RCHT Safeguarding Team (adult, children and maternity)

Telephone: 01872 254551

MARU: Multi Agency Referral Unit (Cornwall)

Telephone: 0300 123 1116

Email: MultiAgencyReferralUnit@cornwall.gcsx.gov.uk

MASH: Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (Devon)

Telephone: 0345 155 1071

Police (non Emergency):

Telephone: 101

Police (Emergency):

Telephone: 999

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