

Safeguarding Children Declaration

If you as a member of the public have concerns about the welfare of a child you should contact Children's Social Care.

01454 866000 if you are in South Gloucestershire

0117 903 6444 if you are in Bristol

01275 888808 if you are in North Somerset

If you are calling out of hours please phone 01454 615165

Or 999 in an emergency.

Sirona care & health acknowledges its obligation under the Children Act 2004 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in all that it does and at all levels of the organisation.

Sirona care & health works in partnership with other organisations including other health partners, social care, the police, education and the voluntary sector. We work together to promote children's safety through the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub and the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) for domestic abuse, sharing information which is relevant and proportionate. We are active members of the South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership and the Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership.

Within Sirona care & health

- A comprehensive programme of training in safeguarding and child protection is in place for staff at all levels. This is implemented using a combination of approaches (single and inter-agency) and there is good uptake of these at all levels.
- There are single and shared policies and procedures which are updated regularly. These include multi-agency procedures, LSCB multi-agency guidance for injuries in non-mobile children, female genital mutilation, child sexual exploitation, guidelines for children who are not brought to appointments.
- There are strategies in place to ensure that members of staff are safe to work with children. These include carrying out Criminal Records Bureau checks in line with statutory requirements, regular training to reinforce safe recruitment practices, and a Managing Allegations against Members of Staff and Volunteers Policy

- Professionals working regularly with children receive reflective safeguarding children supervision. Supervision of adult services includes discussion of any safeguarding children issues.

The key members of staff who hold responsibility for safeguarding children are:	
Simon Knighton	Chair Safeguarding Champion
Jenny Theed	Director of Nursing and Operations. Board Lead for Safeguarding Children and Adults
Chrissie Hardman	Head of Children and Family Services and Registered Manager .
Jill Chart	Named Nurse for Safeguarding
Dr Latha Chandramouli	Named Doctor for Child Protection

These members of staff fulfil their duties as outlined in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 and are suitably qualified and trained.

The Sirona Board receives quarterly reports on Safeguarding Children. The 2018-19 Annual Report was completed in Dec 2019.

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