

**Safeguarding Children Declaration**

Sirona care & health acknowledges its obligation under the Children Act 2004 to have regard to the need 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 are active members of the South Gloucestershire Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). The Head of Children’s Services represents Sirona on the LSCB and Named Nurse attends the quality assurance and training and child sexual exploitation sub-groups of the LSCB the Designated Doctor attends the Serious Case Review subgroup.

**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 includes multi-agency procedures, LSCB multi-agency protocols for injuries in non-mobile children, female genital mutilation, child sexual exploitation, guidelines for children who are not brought to appointments which ensure that children who miss appointments and for whom there are safeguarding concerns are flagged up to the safeguarding team and referred on appropriately.
- 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.
- Sirona care & health has a system in place for highlighting children about whom there are safeguarding concerns. Professionals working with caseload responsibility for these children receive regular supervision.

The key members of staff who hold responsibility for safeguarding children are:	
Simon Knight	Chair Safeguarding Champion
Jenny Theed	Director of Nursing and Operations. Board Lead for Safeguarding Children and Adults
Chrissie Hardman	Head of Children’s Services. Sirona’s representative on the South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Board
Jill Chart	Named Nurse for Safeguarding

Richard Williams	Named Doctor for Child Protection
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These members of staff fulfil their duties as outlined in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015 and are suitably qualified and trained.

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.

If you are calling out of hours please phone 01454 615165.

The Sirona Board receives quarterly reports on Safeguarding Children. The last Annual Report was presented to the Board in July 2016.

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