

Safeguarding Compliance Statement

Dudley & Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust takes seriously its responsibilities to ensure that there are processes in place, to protect children, young people and adults at risk from abuse or harm. Safeguarding is a vital component of all seamless care provided by the Trust and is underpinned by our values of caring, collaborative, integrity and quality. We provide services for the boroughs of Dudley and Walsall, and we are key members of both boroughs' Safeguarding Board arrangements.

All the Trust's safeguarding children and safeguarding adult's policies and systems are robust and linked to the local authority procedures in both boroughs. They offer all staff clear guidance on how to respond if they have safeguarding concerns.

The Trust is compliant with the statutory requirement to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check prior to employment for all staff (including volunteers) who have patient contact. Dependent upon role, staff will have a standard or enhanced level of assessment.

The Trust has a robust training strategy in place with regard to delivering safeguarding training (both safeguarding children and safeguarding adults). All staff receive level 1, 2 or 3 dependent on their role. The Trust reports training compliance on all levels of training. All records of attendance are entered onto and monitored via the Trust Electronic Staff Record (ESR) system. Attendance is monitored and reported via the performance frameworks.

The Trust has named individuals with clear roles and responsibilities for safeguarding children and adults. They are clear about their role, have sufficient time and receive relevant support, and training, to undertake their roles, which includes close contact with other social and health care organisations.

The Acting Director of Nursing and Operations is the Executive Director with lead responsibility for safeguarding across the organisation. They are the Board lead for Safeguarding and chair the Safeguarding Strategic Group which reports to the Trust Board. The Trust Board takes the issue of safeguarding extremely seriously and receives an annual report on safeguarding.

For an adult living in Dudley

If you are worried about an adult living in the Dudley borough you can either make an [online referral](#) or call and speak to the [Access to Adult Social Care Team](#) on **0300 555 0055** from 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday. Outside of these hours an Emergency Duty Team is available on **0300 555 8574**.

For an adult living in Walsall

If you are worried about an adult living in the Walsall borough you can contact the Initial Assessment Team (Adult Safeguarding) on **0300 555 2922** between 8.45am and 5.15pm, Monday to Thursday and 8.45am and 4.30pm, Friday. Outside of these hours an Emergency Duty Team is available on **0300 111 2923**.

For a child or young person living in Dudley

If you are worried about a child or young person living in the Dudley borough contact [Dudley Children and Young People's Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub \(MASH\)](#) on **0300 555 0050** (Mon-Fri 9.00-17.00) or out of hours contact the Emergency Duty Team on **0300 555 8574**.

For a child or young person living in Walsall

If you are worried about a child or young person living in the Walsall borough contact [Walsall Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub \(MASH\)](#) on **0300 555 2866** (Mon-Thurs 8.45-17.15; Fri 8.45-16.45) or out of hours contact the Emergency Response Team on **0300 555 2922** or **0300 555 236**.

Contact your local police on **101** if you believe that an offence may have occurred. Contact the police on **999** if somebody is in immediate danger of significant harm, injury or death.