

## **Safeguarding Committee Review; Board Impact Report 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**

The current agenda standing items include:

- Safeguarding Report.
- Review of safeguarding learning from incidents/complaints/audits/trends.
- Serious incident reporting review.

The minutes of the Safeguarding Committee are made available to Board in real time with formal approval made by Board at the nearest subsequent meeting.

All safeguarding alerts are reported to the Board Safeguarding Lead and Chief Executive Officer in real time.

Significant issues, impacts, trends to report from the Safeguarding Committee are:

- Ongoing and increasingly effective use of an e reporting Compliance System, that reviews and develops data sets focussed on trends and prevention, summarised in a Safeguarding Report. This process is fully embedded and utilised at the committee supporting real time reporting enabling a 'clear line of sight' for Trustees on all live safeguarding issues.
- Relaunching Safeguarding and Whistleblowing protocols across the workforce.
- Updated Safeguarding Action Plan, specifically in relation to compliance with the Care Quality Commission Single Assessment Framework and sector challenges.
- Positive safeguarding practice, good oversight and management at all levels with good feedback from safeguarding teams.
- Embedding best practice in the management of missing person risk and the delivery of one-to-one support and care, showcasing our approach to other providers and practitioners.
- Reporting organisation wide analysis of falls risk given the age range of a sizeable group of our customers and trends noted.
- Continuing safeguarding training for all staff including Mental Capacity and Deprivation of Liberty risk training and Safeguarding for Managers Level 3.
- Reviewing our compliance with our Dysphagia support and care protocols.

Laila Abraham, Chair of Safeguarding Committee, 8 May 2025

