



## **Safeguarding statement**

Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust is committed to safeguarding patients and service users, ensuring that safeguarding principles are placed at the heart of everything we do. The Trust already has an excellent reputation for safeguarding standards and takes a proactive approach to promoting the wellbeing and welfare of the populations we serve.

We take seriously our statutory duty to safeguard and advocate for the most vulnerable people in our communities. We will remain compliant with all required safeguarding standards and are ambitious to lead the way in making Wirral the safest place to live.

This statement sets out our vision for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults, supported by specific annual priorities and quality goals. It is based on a number of principles and shared priorities agreed across Wirral's Local Safeguarding Children Board as well as the Pan Mersey Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board.

Safeguarding and professional curiosity should be the ever-present concern of every person working in or supporting the services we deliver. The safety of children and vulnerable adults is a central consideration in the leadership and conduct of the organisation, and is a corner stone of our quality strategy.

All care delivered by our organisation promotes a safety culture that supports our vision and places the quality of patient/service user care, especially safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults, above all other aims.

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