

Trust Board 29th March 2022

LPT Safeguarding Declaration 2022/23

Purpose of the Report

The Trust Board are required to produce an annual safeguarding declaration and to publish this on the external public facing website by 1st April 2022.

Analysis of the issue

The key issues of the declaration are:

- Confirmation of the Trust’s ongoing commitment to safeguarding in 2022/23.
- Confirmation that Trust staff are trained and that the Trust is resourced to provide the appropriate levels of safeguarding expertise and Board level representation.
- Highlights the completion of the review and implementation of policies and systems and refers to the ongoing quality improvement work being completed across safeguarding within LPT.

Proposal

That the Board of Directors approve and publish the safeguarding declaration 2022/23 at Appendix A.

Decision required

For the Board of Directors to approve the safeguarding declaration 2022/23 and publish it on the Trust’s public facing website.

Governance table

Paper sponsored by:	Anne Scott Director of Nursing/AHPs & Quality Executive Lead for Safeguarding	
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Date submitted:	21/03/2022	
State which Board Committee or other forum within the Trust’s governance structure, if any, have previously considered the report/this issue and the date of the relevant meeting(s):	First consideration, to progress to The Board for approval.	
If considered elsewhere, state the level of assurance gained by the Board Committee or other forum i.e. assured/ partially assured / not assured:	N/A	
State whether this is a ‘one off’ report or, if not, when an update report will be provided for the purposes of corporate Agenda planning	One off annual declaration.	
STEP up to GREAT strategic alignment*:	High Standards	X
	Transformation	X
	Environments	
	Patient Involvement	X
	Well Governed	X
	Reaching Out	
	Equality, Leadership, Culture	X
	Access to Services	X
	Trust Wide Quality Improvement	X
Organisational Risk Register considerations:	List risk number and title of risk	ORR Risk 2
Is the decision required consistent with LPT’s risk appetite:	Yes	
False and misleading information (FOMI) considerations:	None	
Positive confirmation that the content does not risk the safety of patients or the public	Confirmed	
Equality considerations:	All safeguarding legislation considers equality at source	



Board of Directors' Safeguarding Declaration 2021/22

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust's (LPT) Board of Directors take their responsibility for safeguarding seriously. The Trust is therefore making a declaration of compliance with the following aspects of safeguarding children, adults, domestic abuse and Prevent practice:

- The Trust meets the statutory requirement with regard to the carrying out of Disclosure & Barring Service checks.
- All safeguarding policies and systems have been reviewed and updated, including a process for following up children who miss appointments (was not brought) and a system for flagging children & adults for whom there are safeguarding concerns are in place. All safeguarding policies are reviewed on an annual basis or as guidance or legislation changes.
- Staff & volunteers have completed and are up to date with safeguarding children and adult training to at least level 1. All safeguarding training is reviewed on an annual basis.
- Our Named Nurse, Named Practitioner, Named Doctors and Safeguarding Staff are clear about their roles and the Trust is independently reviewing this specialist resource's capacity, knowledge and skill to ensure that they have time, training and support to undertake their roles.
- There is a Board level Executive Director Lead for safeguarding; namely Anne Scott Director of Nursing, AHPs & Quality and a Non-Executive Director, Moira Ingham, who champions and scrutinises LPT's safeguarding governance. The Board reviews safeguarding across the organisation at least quarterly and has robust internal and external audit programmes to assure it that safeguarding systems and processes are in place and working.
- The Trust is assured that all clinical staff are aware of the Trust's Prevent Duty and Government strategy and have robust processes in place to ensure that any patient who may be at risk of radicalisation is identified and supported through the Channel process.
- The Board receives an annual report and there is a quality improvement work programme across the four safeguarding domains namely safeguarding children, adults, domestic abuse and Prevent. The Board is assured that LPT is working to ensure that it adheres to good practice, and that appropriate arrangements are in place.

If any further information is required, please contact the Director of Nursing, AHPs and Quality at Trust Headquarters. The full safeguarding 2020/21 Annual Report is available via the following link [Final-BoD-LPT-safeguarding-annual-report-2020-21.pdf \(leicspart.nhs.uk\)](#)