



## **ABOUT SCM LIMITED SAFEGUARDING**

SCM Limited is dedicated in ensuring that the principles and duties of safeguarding children, young people, and adults at risk are holistically, consistently and conscientiously applied with the wellbeing of all, at the heart of what we do. We are dedicated to ensuring that the principles and duties of safeguarding children and adults are applied every time a citizen accesses the SCM Limited making every contact count.

### **What is ‘safeguarding’ and why is it important to us?**

Safeguarding means protecting a citizen’s health, wellbeing and human rights; enabling them to live free from harm, abuse and neglect. It is an integral part of providing high-quality health care. Safeguarding children, young people and adults is a collective responsibility.

#### **Those most in need of protection include:**

- Children and young people
- Adults at risk, such as those receiving care in their own home, people with physical, sensory and mental impairments, and those with learning disabilities.

All staff, whether they work in a hospital, a care home, in general practice, or in providing community care, and whether they are employed by a public sector, private, or not-for-profit organisation, have a responsibility to safeguard children and adults at risk of abuse or neglect in the care of SCM Limited.

## **Workstreams**

Other working groups will be established as required by the contextual safeguarding agenda and new safeguarding legislation.

### **National Safeguarding Steering Group**

The National Safeguarding Steering Group (NSSG) is chaired by Acosia Nyanin, Deputy Chief Nursing Officer for England – Professional and System Leadership, for NHS England leads the assurance of the NHS safeguarding system and offers strategic leadership for safeguarding and quality improvement across SCM Limited and the health economy. The Head of

Safeguarding has prioritised the MCA Implementation Board and has convened monthly working groups with system leaders to discuss the amendments within the Bill in readiness for legislative change.

## **Working groups**

Support Workers

Live-in Care

Leaving with Disability

Support Leaving

Home Care

Personal Care

## **How We raise a safeguarding concern**

If you think you or someone you know is being abused, or neglected you should tell someone you trust.

This could be a friend, a teacher, a family member, a social worker, a doctor or healthcare professional, a police officer or someone else that you trust. Ask them to help you report it.

Supporting people when concerns are raised about abuse or neglect can be very difficult and distressing for everyone involved. Deciding what's the right thing to do can be stressful, particularly if the person you are concerned about is reluctant to accept support. If you are not sure what to do you can always seek advice.

## **To report a crime**

- in an emergency, contact the police, call 999
- if the person is not in immediate danger, contact the police, call 101