

10.0 Sample Public Protection Policy

(Name of Independent Contractor) Public Protection Policy

Our team accept and recognise our responsibility to develop our knowledge of the signs of abuse and neglect and to comply with national child protection guidance and adult support and protection legislation.

We are committed to protecting children, young people and adults at risk from harm of any kind by:

- ✓ responding promptly to all identified and suspected public protection concerns by making a referral using the appropriate local referral pathway
- ✓ maintaining a culture where staff can raise concerns openly and without reproach
- ✓ providing an environment in which patients may discuss protection concerns
- ✓ appropriately implementing the PVG scheme to support safe recruitment
- ✓ ensuring staff undertake public protection training which is appropriate for their role on commencement of employment and read the Public Protection toolkit as part of their induction
- ✓ ensuring staff engage in periodic refresher public protection training
- ✓ keeping accurate records of identified or suspected protection concerns
- ✓ maintaining confidentiality, sharing patient information only with those who need it
- ✓ discussing safeguarding updates at staff meetings
- ✓ reviewing this policy at regular intervals

The Public Protection Lead is:

The lead role is to oversee public protection within the practice, identify and support staff training needs and to access appropriate support and advice on public protection matters.