

CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULT PROTECTION POLICY

We are committed to a policy of zero tolerance towards abuse of children or vulnerable adults. It is our aim to protect those from abuse in any form. Our dental team accepts and recognises our responsibilities to develop awareness of the issues which cause children or vulnerable adults harm. We understand the important role we play in recognising the signs of abuse or exploitation and also understand the procedures that are in place to report such abuse.

We will endeavour to safeguard those at risk of abuse by

- Adopting protection guidelines through procedures and a code of conduct for the dental team.
- Making staff and patients aware that we take the protection of children and vulnerable adults seriously and respond to concerns about the welfare of children.
- Seeking advice and sharing information about concerns with the appropriate agencies.
- Carefully following the procedures for staff recruitment and selection.
- Providing effective management for staff by ensuring access to supervision, support and training

We are also committed to reviewing our policy and good practice at regular intervals. For further information please speak to our practice child and vulnerable adult protection leads, Tim McDonogh and Georgina Cartwright or refer to the website 'child protection and the dental team' at www.cpdnt.co.uk or find further details on local contacts on the practice database

Signed

Tim McDonogh (Practice Principal)

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