

Bridgewater's Safeguarding Strategy 2019-2022

Safeguarding Children and Adults who are at risk

is at the heart of all that we do

Safeguarding is a range of activities undertaken by all of us aimed at upholding all adults' and children's fundamental right to be safe.



Safeguarding Children and Adults

Child Protection applies to all children up to the age of 18 years.

Safeguarding is defined by The Children Act 1989 as meaning that: "Agencies and organisations working with children and young people take all reasonable measures to ensure that risk of harm to individuals' welfare are minimised. Where there are concerns that a child is suffering or likely to suffer significant harm, all agencies and organisations take appropriate actions to address those concerns working to local policies and working in partnership with her local agencies."

Safeguarding Adults applies to a person 18 years and over.

Safeguarding adults' means protecting a person's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect.
To safeguard individuals in a way that supports them in making choices and having control in how they choose to live their lives
To promote an outcomes approach in safeguarding that works for people resulting in the best experience possible
To raise public awareness so that professionals, other staff and communities as a whole play their part in preventing, identifying and responding to abuse and neglect.

Bridgewater will:

- ✓ **Promote and prioritise the safety of children and adults at risk**
- ✓ **Ensure that everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding**
- ✓ **Provide a transparent culture of learning and development**
- ✓ **Make safeguarding personal**

The Trust will provide robust leadership for safeguarding at every level and across the organisation:

- ✓ All activity across the Trust contributes to safeguarding and safeguarding is everyone's business regardless of role and responsibility
- ✓ Safeguarding in the Trust is focused on the places we serve through a borough based approach



To deliver robust Safeguarding arrangements and appropriate, timely and effective use of procedures to protect those who are most vulnerable:

- ✓ There will be transparent and accountable governance arrangements and organisational structures within the Trust
- ✓ Those working within the Trust will be enabled to be confident in their practice by providing training at the appropriate level and access to quality management, supervision and consultation

By doing this the Trust will meet national and local requirements, competencies and standards by:

- ✓ Being active members of and contributors to Local Multi Agency Safeguarding Arrangements



- ✓ Working closely with partners to develop an integrated approach to achieve positive outcomes for children and adults at risk
- ✓ Demonstrate that we are a 'learning organisation' which is informed by the best practice and learning from safeguarding reviews with the ethos of a just culture



- ✓ We will promote a culture of partnership working, listening and learning from the experiences of children, adults at risk and their families

