

BEDMINSTER FAMILY PRACTICE - STATEMENT OF INTENT

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

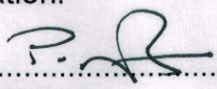
1. Bedminster Family Practice is committed to a best practice which safeguards children, young people and vulnerable adults irrespective of their background and which recognises that a child, young person or vulnerable adult may be abused regardless of their age, gender, religious beliefs, racial origin or ethnic identity, culture, class, disability or sexual orientation.

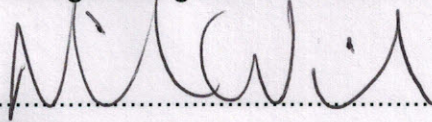
2. As a Practice, we have a duty of care to protect the children, young people and vulnerable adults we work with and for. The Practice has safeguarding policies in place which aim to ensure that, throughout the Practice, children, young people and vulnerable adults are protected from abuse and exploitation.

3. This work may include direct and indirect contact with children, young people and vulnerable adults (access to patient's details, communication via email, text message and phone). We aim to achieve this by ensuring that Bedminster Family Practice is a child, young person and vulnerable adult safe practice.

4. Bedminster Family Practice acknowledges that some children, including disabled children and young people or those from ethnic minority communities, can be particularly vulnerable to abuse and we accept the responsibility to take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure their welfare. As part of our safeguarding policies, Bedminster Family Practice will:

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children, young people and vulnerable adults;
- ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children, young people and vulnerable adults;
- ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern;
- ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored;
- prevent the employment/deployment of unsuitable individuals;
- ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation. The policy and procedures will be widely promoted and are mandatory for everyone involved in Bedminster Family Practice. Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in dismissal/exclusion from the organisation.

Signed  Date: 28 April 2015
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