

## **Statement of Commitment to Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust is committed to safeguarding all patients and service users, ensuring that safeguarding principles are placed at the heart of everything we do. We take seriously our statutory duty to safeguard and advocate for the most vulnerable people in our communities.

We will remain compliant with all required safeguarding standards and are ambitious to lead the way in making Dorset a safe place to live, working in partnership with Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Safeguarding Adults Boards and their sub-groups, and Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership sub-groups.

Safeguarding and professional curiosity should be the ever-present concern of every person working in or supporting the services we deliver. The safety of children, young people, and vulnerable adults is a central consideration in the leadership and conduct of the organisation.

We are committed to making sure safeguarding is a high priority at all levels of the organisation. We believe that safeguarding is everybody's business. All staff have an individual responsibility for safeguarding and are equipped with training to recognise abuse and respond accordingly. We continually seek to improve and develop our training for staff, supported by the Safeguarding Team.

We closely monitor how effective our safeguarding arrangements for children, young people, and vulnerable adults, through governance and quality assurance processes, led by a designated board level director, the Chief Nursing Officer.

### **Chief Executive**

Siobhan Harrington

### **Chief Nursing Officer**

Sarah Herbert