**Chapel House Dentistry**

**Child and vulnerable Adults Protection Policy**

We are committed to protect children and vulnerable adults from harm, abuse and the risk of abuse. Our dental team accepts and recognises our responsibilities to develop awareness of the issues which cause children and vulnerable adult’s harm. We will endeavour to safeguard children and vulnerable adults by:

* Understanding how diversity, beliefs and values of patients may influence the identification, prevention and response to safe guarding issues.
* Making staff and patients aware that we take child and vulnerable adult protection seriously and respond to concerns about the welfare of children and vulnerable adults.
* Taking action to identify and prevent abuse from happening in the service.
* Adopting government and local child and vulnerable adult protection guidelines through procedures and policy for the dental team, allowing us to respond appropriately when abuse has occurred or is at risk of occurring. Ensuring that information is available to all staff when needed.
* Never restraining children or vulnerable adults.
* Sharing information about concerns with agencies that need to know and involving parents, carers, children and vulnerable adults appropriately. Information is always shared using secure methods as laid down in our Information Governance policies.
* Following carefully the procedures for staff recruitment and selection and providing effective management for staff by ensuring access to supervision, support and training.
* People who report safeguarding issues in good faith are protected under the Public Interest Disclosures Act 1998, from victimisation and dismissal, they will be
* taken seriously and treated with dignity, they will be provided with appropriate support and help.
* Full Adult and Child safeguarding guidance, is available for all staff members.

**The Child and Vulnerable Adult’s Protection lead is Christine Rubery**

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