

If you think someone is being abused

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Sheffield Teaching Hospitals



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Safeguarding children and adults at risk of abuse or neglect is everyone's business

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (STHFT) follows local and national safeguarding standards.

Here at STHFT we work in partnership with other agencies including Mental Health, GPs, Education, Police, Voluntary Services and the Local Authority to protect vulnerable children and adults from harm.

If you are concerned that a child or an adult is at risk of being abused, neglected or exploited in some way please contact:

Children

A member of clinical staff (Nurse, Midwife, Doctor, Therapist) in a clinical area.

The Named Professional for Safeguarding Children

- **0114 226 5446**

Sheffield Safeguarding Children Hub

- **0114 273 4855**

NSPCC Helpline

- **0808 800 5000**

Police via **101** number or if in immediate danger **999**

Adults

A member of clinical staff (Nurse, Midwife, Doctor, Therapist) in a clinical area.

The Lead Nurse or Named Professional for Safeguarding Adults

- **0114 226 6644**

Sheffield Adult Social Care First Contact

- **0114 273 4908**

Sheffield Domestic Abuse Helpline

- **0808 808 2241**

Police via **101** number or if in immediate danger **999**

What you can expect from Sheffield Teaching Hospitals staff

We will:

- Listen to your concerns
- Be open and honest
- Treat your concerns seriously
- Where appropriate take the necessary steps to support the person at risk to feel safe
- Work in partnership with other agencies to protect other individuals who may be at risk

Confidentiality and information sharing

As healthcare professionals we have a duty to protect the personal information and medical information we hold. However, if we believe that individuals are at risk of abuse or neglect then we are duty bound to share that information with other agencies even if you do not wish us to do so. Information will only be shared on a need to know basis, in support of the best interests of the child or adult at risk.

Should you have any concerns or wish to discuss this matter further please contact the Lead Nurse for Safeguarding (details above).



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