

Safeguarding Child and Vulnerable Adults Policy

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At West House Dental Practice we are committed to protecting children and vulnerable adults from harm. Our dental team accepts and recognises our responsibilities to develop awareness of the issues which cause children and vulnerable adults harm.

The GDC considers that the term 'vulnerable adults' means "a person above the age of 18 years who is or maybe in need of community care services (including healthcare) by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness, and who is unable to take care of themselves, or unable to protect themselves against significant harm or exploitation".

We will endeavour to safeguard children and vulnerable adults by:

- adopting protection guidelines through procedures and a code of conduct for the dental team
- making staff and patients aware that we take this matter seriously and respond to concerns about the welfare of children and vulnerable adults
- sharing information about concerns with the appropriate people and agencies
- following carefully the procedures for staff recruitment and selection
- providing effective management for staff by ensuring access to supervision, support and training.

We are also committed to reviewing our policy and good practice at regular intervals.

Date due for review: May 2019 or as necessary

Signed: