



Safeguarding Key Messages

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Maternity /Midwifery

Co- Sleeping

Are you documenting advice given to parents re co sleeping?

Did you know co-sleeping has been identified in a number of cases of death in childhood?

CP-IS (Child Protection Information Sharing System)

Allows us to check alerts for children who present for unscheduled care who may be from out of area.

Have you got your smartcard and the appropriate levels of access?

If you do not have a smartcard and you are one of the high priority area staff members required to have access (ED, Maternity, Midwifery, Paediatrics) please speak to the smartcard administrator (based in the library) with your respective identification documents.

Tissue Viability – Discharge summaries

Please ensure information in relation to pressure areas and any pre-existing pressure damage on the discharge summary is accurate.

Failure to do this can result in unnecessary investigations and complaints processes.

Safeguarding training

Make sure you are up to date!!
This is a CQC '*must do*'

WRAP training

Available via ESR as an online module, face to face training sessions via the training directory or via Divisional WRAP trainers.

We need to be at a Trustwide position of 85% compliance and at the end of Q2 we were at 67%.

Please complete your WRAP training as soon as possible.

WRAP trainers are reminded to ensure registers are copied to the Training & Development Dept for recording on ESR.

Professional Disagreements – Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB) Escalation Policy

Learning from Serious case Reviews highlights the importance of resolving professional differences of opinion to ensure that children and young people are not left at risk of harm. This at times requires formal escalation & recording.

Further advice can be found on the safeguarding link via the intranet homepage.

Safeguarding alerts

Check for them every time!

Remember to check the notes section of the alert – this contains valuable information you may require.

Contact details:

WAHT Safeguarding team – Ext.
33735 (in hours)

WCC Children’s Social Care (Family Front Door) -01905 822666 (in hours)
01905 768020 (duty team out of hours)

On call Paediatrician – via switchboard

WCC Adult Safeguarding team –
01905 768053 (in hours)
01905 768020 (duty team out of hours)

Professional curiosity

Something feeling not quite right?

If you have a concern, make sure you undertake those lateral checks – take advice.

Follow safeguarding procedures – advice is available 24hrs per day

Speak to your patient alone – make opportunities to ‘ask the question’ in a way they will be able to understand (this is especially important for patients with a learning disability /communication difficulty etc)

Unwise decision making

Does your patient appear to have mental capacity but is making what would be deemed an unwise decision that may pose a significant risk of harm?

Have they got the ability to self-protect if those unwise decisions are being made repeatedly?

Undertake a **formal** mental capacity assessment.

Outline the risk v benefit (benefit V burden) of any decision needing to be made.

Outline the options – if there is more than one option, outline the risk V benefit of each option.

Record the outcome. Do you need to seek further advice? Is the risk so great that a multi-agency approach is required?

Safeguarding Adults Level 3 – confused?

If you have been assigned SGA L3 on your competency matrix then the following should be noted:

- **Undertaken** root cause analysis training or investigatory training previously – send a copy of your evidence to deborah.narburgh@nhs.net – you will then be sent a briefing paper which will update your compliance for SGA L3 and your training record will be updated accordingly
- **Not undertaken** root cause analysis training or investigatory training previously – you will need to book on the investigatory skills workshop (information can be found on the training directory) to obtain your competency.