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Was Not Brought Safeguarding Policy

Health professionals have a duty to recognise and take responsibility for safeguarding children, young people and adults and use appropriate systems for identifying, sharing information, recording, raising concerns, obtaining advice and taking action.

All our team are appropriately trained to recognise possible signs of abuse and neglect or to hear something that causes concerns.

Children's Appointments

It is important for your child/children to attend their dental appointments regularly so we can identify signs of dental disease or disorder quickly and treat them effectively. If your child is not brought to their appointments their dental health may suffer as a result.

We have a duty to contact you if your child is not brought to their dental appointments and may share this information with other health care professionals.

Information Sharing

Where there are concerns about the safety of a child, the sharing of information in a timely and effective manner between organisations can reduce the risk of harm. GDPR forms part of the data protection regime in the UK, together with the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018). Whilst the DPA 2018 places duties on organisations and individuals to process personal information fairly and lawfully, it is not a barrier to sharing information where the failure to do so would result in a child or vulnerable adult being placed at risk of harm, or where the public interest served outweighs the public interest served by protecting confidentiality – for example, where a serious crime may be prevented. Similarly, human rights concerns, such as respecting the right to a private and family life would not prevent sharing where there are real safeguarding concerns.

The appointed Safeguarding Lead at the practice is Jane Hood. Tel: 01582 571074

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