

## Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Assurance Statement

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHS Foundation Trust is fully committed to safeguarding vulnerable adults.

The Trust can confirm that:-

1. It is compliant with the statutory requirement to undertake a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check of all relevant employees appointed since 2002 who meet the criteria for an enhanced clearance. Prior to this date, checking processes were in place for those appointed to positions requiring a relevant clearance.
2. Adult Protection policies are robust and are reviewed every two years or more frequently if required to comply with any new national guidance or legislation.
3. All staff new to the Trust receive Level 1 Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults training as part of their Core Induction programme and all nursing staff (both registered and unregistered) receive Level 2 Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults training during nurse induction.
  - Level 1: Introductory session giving overview of safeguarding vulnerable adults and staff actions needed. Aimed at non-clinical, administrative staff.
  - Level 2: More in-depth session on safeguarding vulnerable adults, with scenarios for discussion and clear guidance on the responsibilities of staff making a safeguarding adults referral and their role in ensuring patient safety. Session aimed at clinical staff.
4. A teaching programme is in place to provide training at Levels 1 and 2 throughout the year as part of the Mandatory Training programme.
5. The Trust has a named Matron with clear role and responsibilities for Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults.
6. There is written information and guidance on Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults in each ward/department, and also a Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults webpage on the Trust intranet with clear guidance and relevant documentation.
7. The Director of Nursing is the Executive lead for Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults.

Date: January 2012

Signed: *Kate Gordon*

Print: Kate Gordon  
Chair of Trust Board of Directors

# Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults



Jerry Green (pictured below) is Matron for Older People and Safeguarding Adults:



If you have any questions or queries about safeguarding vulnerable adults contact him on:-

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**Safeguarding Adults Webpage** - The new **Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults** webpage on the Trust Intranet has the Trust Policies, safeguarding adults documents and links to useful websites. (You can find it on the Trust intranet "home page" and also under the drop down list of departments on the left hand side of the main home page, under "safeguarding adults").

**Information** - On every ward/department there is a *Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults folder* containing:-

- Basic information on safeguarding vulnerable adults
- A Flow Chart to guide you through making a referral
- AA1 referral form that you must complete
- Norfolk County Council Safeguarding Adults information leaflet

**A vulnerable adult is defined as:** "A person aged 18 or over who is in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness and unable to take care of him or herself or unable to protect him or against significant harm or exploitation". ("No Secrets", Dept. of Health-2000).

**Some examples** of a vulnerable adult are: patients with dementia, learning disabilities, blind, deaf, mental health problems, physical disabilities and those unable to protect themselves.

### **Types of Abuse:**

- Physical abuse
- Neglect & acts of omission
- Sexual abuse & exploitation
- Psychological abuse
- Discriminatory abuse
- Financial or material abuse
- Institutional abuse.

The important point is that **you make the initial referral promptly** about a patient who may be vulnerable and you believe may be suffering abuse.

### ***A genuine news headline-***

#### **Brothers jailed for preying on vulnerable adults in Stroud**

9:58am Wednesday 9th March 2011 by SNJ REPORTER

TWO brothers have been jailed for committing crimes against vulnerable adults in Stroud.

They were both convicted of conspiracy to steal from a 33-year-old man over a period of around one year between 2009 and 2010.

During that time they trespassed at the man's home in the Paganhill area of Stroud and stole property and money from him, taking the man to cash points against his will to withdraw money for them, the court heard.

The court heard that Jones had persuaded the man to part with more than £9,000, claiming it was to be used to arrange his mother's funeral. His mother was alive and well.

He had promised the money would be repaid following a payout from life insurance, the court heard.

Ben Jones was jailed for four-and-a-half years while Ryan was sentenced to 27 months imprisonment. Speaking after the sentencing, DC Fraser Withey from Gloucestershire police said: "We are really pleased with this result and that offenders who preyed on vulnerable adults have been brought to justice."

**If you would like any further information or have any questions, please contact me**

**Jerry Green, Matron**