



SAFEGUARDING POLICY

1. Introduction

The work of Picturing Health may bring us into contact with people at risk of abuse for a variety of reasons. These include those who are sick and those with whom we have an unequal power relationship. We wish to protect everyone we come into contact with from such abuse.

In order to play our part, we must ensure that all our consultants and others with whom we have a contractual relationship are all aware of the signs of possible abuse and what to do if they suspect it.

We recognise that what is considered abuse in different geographical locations differs.

People with care needs are more likely to be abused or neglected. They may be less likely to identify when they are abused or to report it and signs of abuse can be difficult to spot.

The list below describes the most common areas of abuse:-

- Physical abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Psychological or Emotional Abuse
- Financial Abuse
- Modern Slavery
- Discriminatory Abuse
- Organisational or institutional Abuse
- Neglect and Acts of Omission
- Self-neglect

2. Action Required

Picturing Health recognises that what is regarded as abuse and appropriate action will according to the particular location and circumstances. The Chair of Picturing Health must be informed and kept updated regarding all concerns. The person reporting the abuse should be asked for clear details about what has happened to give rise to the concerns.

For a concern about a consultant outside the UK, the Director and Chair of Picturing Health must make decisions together about further actions. They should seek advice and be mindful of local laws and practices.

For a concern raised by one of our consultants outside UK that does not directly implicate Picturing Health or its consultants, the Director and Chair of Picturing Health must be informed, seek local expertise and offer advice on appropriate actions to be taken locally, and by whom.

For concerns about a UK consultant, the Director and Chair of Picturing Health must be involved in decisions about further actions. Concerns about the Director of Picturing Health must be raised directly with the Chair.

Reporting abuse is not always a straightforward decision and thus we should err on the side of caution.

3. Contact details

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Tom Gibb, Director, Picturing Health. Email: tom@picturinghealth.org

4. Recording reports of abuse

The Director and Chair of Picturing Health should keep a record of all reports of abuse and include any such reports in their updates to trustees.

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