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SAFEGUARDING POLICY

- The Care Act 2014 sets out statutory responsibility for the integration of care and support between health and local authorities. The Alliance of Private Sector has a responsibility, working with other health professionals to promote safeguarding of the young, adult and vulnerable patients treated by its registered practitioners. The Alliance has highlighted the following list of possible concerns regarding safeguarding. Please note that this policy will be added to when the Alliance feels it necessary. Please note that this list is not extensive.
- The protection of patients' rights to be treated safely, professionally and sympathetically without fear of abuse. The patient should always be treated with dignity and respect.
- The practitioner should only work within their own scope of clinical practice and qualified training.
- The practitioner should ALWAYS refer to other health professionals outside their scope of practice where necessary.
- To allow the patient to have informed choices with regard to treatment and have the right to refuse treatment or request a second opinion.
- To ensure that the roles and responsibilities of individuals and organisations are clearly defined.
- To ensure that should the patient not have the capacity to make decisions/choices that a family member/carer/family friend are involved to support the patient.
- Always ensure that patient notes are written up carefully and with full content and all policies and procedures are fully met.
- Where there are safeguarding concerns whether it be by the patient or practitioner there is a duty to share information. This information should be proportionate, relevant, accurate and professionally presented. The Data Protection Act in such cases is no barrier to the sharing of information.
- Remember, you are solely accountable for your own actions or omissions.
- Concerns regarding a colleague should be immediately raised to the Alliances' Registrar.
- The Alliance will always take any complaint whether it be by patient or practitioner very seriously and a full investigation will always be conducted.

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