

Safeguarding Commitment

Axbridge and Wedmore Medical Practice is committed to fulfilling its statutory safeguarding duties under the Children Act 2004, Care Act 2014, and CQC Regulation 13. The organisation ensures:

Staff Training: All staff are trained appropriately based on their roles.

Safeguarding Culture: Safeguarding is seen as everyone's responsibility, with staff expected to raise awareness and respond to concerns.

Leadership & Accountability: Clear structures, policies, and procedures are in place to support safeguarding.

Partnership Working: The surgery collaborates with Somerset ICB, Somerset County Council, and other agencies.

Early Intervention: Systems support early identification and timely action on safeguarding issues.

Policy Framework: We follow the ICB Safeguarding Policy and our own Standard Operating Procedures.

Recruitment Checks: DBS checks are completed for all clinical staff and for administrative staff where appropriate (and risk assessed) and monitored before employment begins.

Mandatory Training: Staff complete safeguarding training aligned with national intercollegiate documents, including PREVENT.

Governance: Dr Jackson-Voyzey is the Safeguarding Lead, supported by the Safeguarding Administrator.

Board Assurance: Regular audits confirm compliance with safeguarding responsibilities, including Section 11 of the Children Act.

Staff Accountability: All staff understand their duty to report and act on safeguarding concerns.

Information Sharing & Confidentiality: We recognise that sharing relevant information is vital to safeguarding children and adults at risk. This is always balanced with the need to maintain confidentiality, ensuring that information is shared lawfully, proportionately, and only with those who need to know.

Staff Safety: We are committed to safeguarding its staff while they carry out their duties. Staff must not be subjected to physical, verbal, emotional, or sexual abuse. Systems are in place to support staff wellbeing and respond to any incidents of harm or threat.

Axbridge and Wedmore Medical Practice confirms it meets safeguarding requirements and follows best practice.

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