



CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Members of the dental team are in a position where they may observe the signs of child abuse or neglect or hear something that causes them concern about a child. The dental team has an ethical responsibility to find out about and follow local procedures for child protection and to follow them if a child is or might be at risk of abuse or neglect (Standards for dental professionals, GDC 2005). There is also a responsibility to ensure that children are not at risk from members of the profession.

The dental team is not responsible for making a diagnosis of child abuse or neglect, just for sharing concerns appropriately.

We are committed to protect children from harm. Our dental team accepts and recognises our responsibilities to develop awareness of the issues which cause children harm.

We will endeavour to safeguard children by

- adopting child protection guidelines through procedures and a code of conduct for the dental team
- making staff and patients aware that we take child protection seriously and respond to concerns about the welfare of children
- sharing information about concerns with agencies who need to know and involving parents and children appropriately
- following carefully the procedures for staff recruitment and selection
- providing effective management for staff by ensuring access to supervision, support and training

We are also committed to reviewing our policy and good practice at regular intervals.

www.premierdentalcare.co.uk

3 Bloxwich Lane, Bloxwich, Walsall WS2 7JS
T 01922 477 400 E info@premierdentalcare.co.uk