

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB DETAILS	
Job Title	Maternity Senior Safeguarding Specialist
Reports to	Named Midwife for Safeguarding
Band	7
Department/Directorate	Child and Women's Health

JOB PURPOSE
<p>The post holder will deputise for the Named Midwife for Safeguarding in their absence.</p> <p>Provide specialist advice and support on adult and children safeguarding issues, domestic abuse, allegations, modern slavery and Prevent and MCA and DoLS to all maternity staff within the Trust.</p> <p>Assist the Trust and staff in their duty to protect adults and children from harm and abuse.</p> <p>Provide robust and flexible safeguarding training for maternity staff.</p> <p>The post holder will represent the Safeguarding Service at Trust wide and external meetings</p> <p>Assist in developing robust quality assurance systems to monitor and evaluate safeguarding practice across the Trust.</p> <p>To provide specialist knowledge and advice to all maternity staff consistent with the requirements of the safeguarding policies</p> <p>Assist the Named Midwife for Safeguarding in providing reports as part of safeguarding enquiries, rapid reviews/ child safeguarding practice reviews/safeguarding adult reviews/domestic homicide review processes and any other safeguarding investigations.</p> <p>Provide line management to maternity safeguarding admin or support staff where appropriate.</p> <p>As part of a small specialist team, providing occasional cross site cover in times of periods of high acuity, staff absence or annual leave.</p>

KEY RESULT AREA / PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

To provide advice and guidance to staff in maternity on all aspects of adult and child safeguarding, ensuring that staff understand their role and responsibilities in these areas.

Assist staff in undertaking their safeguarding role as appropriate, with an emphasis on staff development rather than the creation of dependency.

Work with all members of the Safeguarding team to participate in national and local initiatives to protect children and adults from harm and ensure that changes in legislation, learning, information and ideas are disseminated Trust wide.

Work alongside Trust staff to design and develop processes that enable staff to protect individuals at risk.

Assist the Trust in contributing to Devon's safeguarding adult reviews/domestic homicide reviews/safeguarding practice reviews/rapid review processes, writing reports/internal management reviews and disseminating and implementing the findings and recommendations.

Co-ordinate holistic care to women and families affected by complex care and safeguarding issues.

Maintain own clinical competencies within own specialist registration field.

For qualified midwives, there is an on call element to this role.

Assist the MCA/LPS Lead and Team in ensuring that staff comply with the Mental Capacity Act.

As part of the Safeguarding team:

- identify shortfalls in practice within the Trust or any other deficit, that may leave individuals at risk of abuse, neglect or harm.
- work collaboratively within the organisation, with children, adults and families at risk and across agencies to form partnerships and working arrangements that facilitate effective safeguarding practices.
- develop and deliver safeguarding training and guidance sessions to staff across the Trust.
- lead safeguarding related audits.
- represent the Trust at Local Safeguarding Partnership subgroups as required.
- represent the Safeguarding Team at Trust safeguarding meetings.
- be aware of and provide guidance to staff with regard to the Trust's Prevent strategy.

Undertake project work under the direction of the Named Midwife for Safeguarding, Head of Safeguarding or Associate Director of Safeguarding.

Facilitate good standards of record keeping, report and statement writing.

Liaise with Trust's Legal Team and Devon County Council Legal Services Team to facilitate the Trust's compliance with legal orders and provide support to staff when making statements or attending court.

Provide safeguarding and management support to the Safeguarding Specialists and support/supervision to Health IDVA and the administrative team

Work with the Safeguarding Specialist Operational Lead, Head of Safeguarding or Associate Director of Safeguarding, Employee Resolution and Support Team and the Associate Directors of Care Groups in the management of allegations of abuse/within the Trust.

In order to build upon the achievements of the service thus far, an emphasis is placed upon a team ethos of mutual support and joint decision-making through collaborative effort. The post holder will be expected to work as part of the team to cover the workload

Work with Named Midwife for Safeguarding and the Head of Safeguarding to develop and maintain the Trust's safeguarding policies and ensure that they are adhered to.

Work with the midwifery safeguarding Team to provide clinical supervision to staff as required, ensuring effective case management is in place for complex situations when there are safeguarding concerns

Carry out any other appropriate clinical duties as identified by the Named Midwife for Safeguarding.

KEY WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

No. of Staff reporting to this role: 3

The post holder is required to deal effectively with staff of all levels throughout the Trust as and when required on a day to day basis.

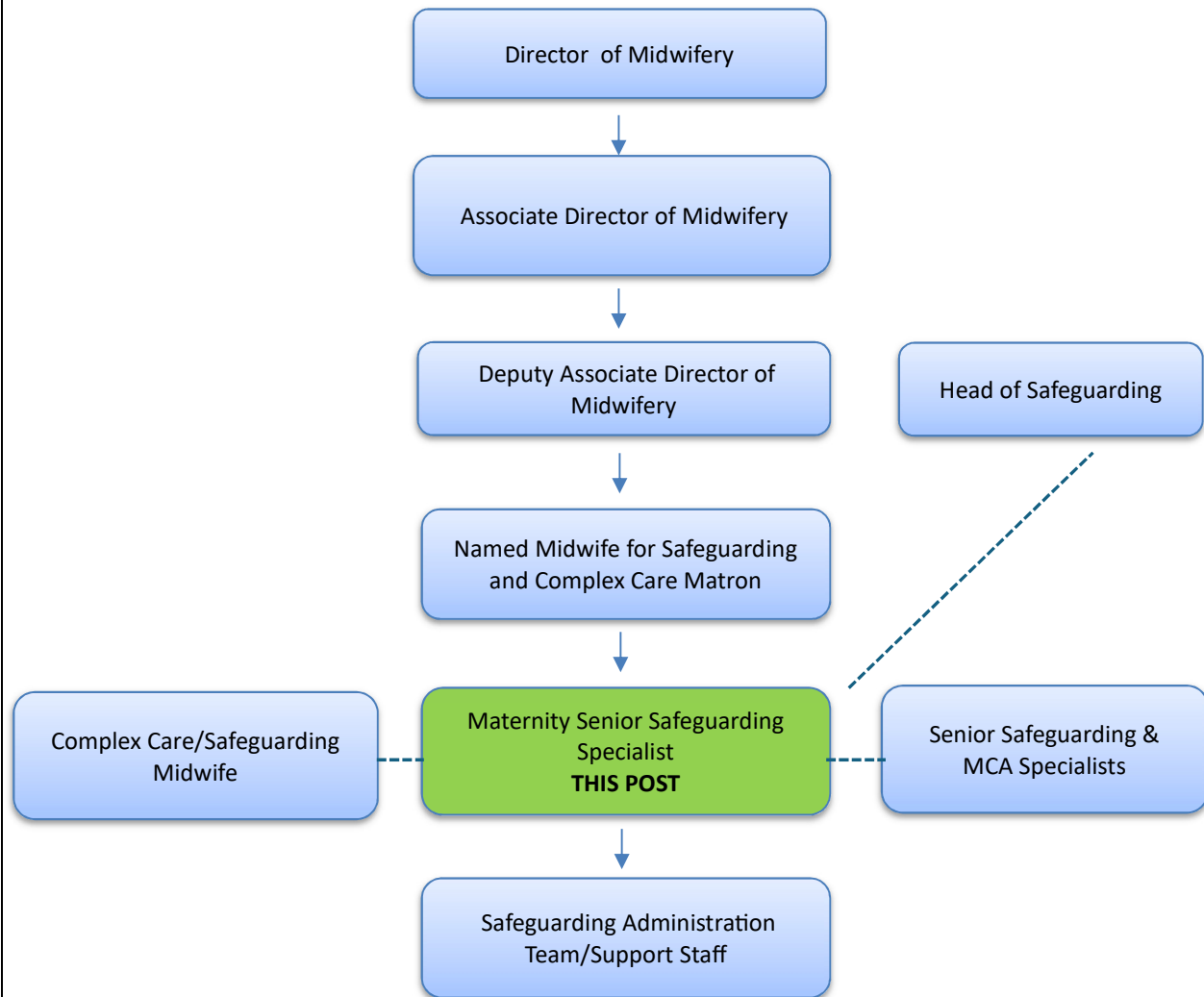
In addition, the post holder will deal with the wider healthcare community, external organisations and the public.

This will include verbal, written and electronic media.

Of particular importance are working relationships with:

Internal to the Trust	External to the Trust
Patient Safety and Experience Team	
PALS	
Clinical Teams	
Trust Legal Team	
Maternity teams	
Safeguarding Team	
Complex Care Team	

ORGANISATIONAL CHART



FREEDOM TO ACT

The role will include a combination of routine and complex queries. It is rare that queries need to go to the Trust's lawyers but you will be expected to identify those that require such action.

The post holder is professionally accountable for all aspects of their own work and managing their own work load, working within their codes of practice and professional guidelines and using their expertise to deal with routine matters, complex queries and other issues, deciding when it is necessary to refer to the Head of Safeguarding/Safeguarding Specialist Operational Lead

The post holder works autonomously and provides expert safeguarding advice to all members of maternity staff at all levels. The post holder has the freedom to initiate actions and interpret guidance and policies in line with the Trust and service policy. They will seek advice as necessary from colleagues in the Integrated Safeguarding Team and from the Head of Safeguarding/Safeguarding Specialist Operational Lead.

The post holder will be guided by various teams they work alongside and with Safeguarding Team members as well as Trust policies and procedures. Using their own initiative and seeking advice from Managers and the team as required.

COMMUNICATION / RELATIONSHIP SKILLS

The postholder will have the ability to identify, communicate, receive and manage highly complex, sensitive and confidential information.

They will be required to communicate in verbal, written and electronic format.

Communicating complex and highly sensitive information safely between health professionals, agencies and outside Trusts.

Communication will be with a wide range of individuals and groups, both internal and external to the Trust.

The post holder may be required to communicate with parents and family, members of the public and across all levels within the Trust. Some of these communications will be sensitive in nature. Some will be highly complex, requiring excellent communication skills.

ANALYTICAL / JUDGEMENTAL SKILLS

The post holder will be expected to routinely make decisions independently which may involve complex facts/situations.

The post holder will be expected to use their judgement to assess risks and manage solutions safely and appropriately to safeguard the person at risk and their family if required.

To review, assess and appropriately action all safeguarding concern forms, MASH referrals or Safeguarding Children Liaison Forms. To share any additional relevant information available to RDUH with multi-agency partners.

To support staff across RDUH in identifying and acting appropriately when they have safeguarding concerns about children or adults with care and support needs via liaison and communication with all departments that work with them.

PLANNING / ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

The post holder will be expected to organise their own day-to-day activities, planning of straightforward tasks and organising complex on-going activities.

The post holder should be able to competently plan and deliver a high standard of evidence based training.

PATIENT / CLIENT CARE

The post holder may have face-to-face contact with children, adults and their families where there are concerns and should be sensitive, professional and focussed throughout.

To provide specialist knowledge of safeguarding to the Paediatric and Neonatal teams during prolonged admissions of babies and children, or when planning discharge, where the family or child have been identified as having vulnerabilities or complex needs.

Support staff involved in safeguarding practice.

Provide safeguarding clinical supervision to clinical staff within maternity.

Provide specialist safeguarding advice and support to identified and trained safeguarding supervisors within maternity.

Provide support and facilitate debriefing for staff involved in complex safeguarding cases.

To risk assess domestic abuse information received from Devon and Cornwall Police/MARAC and disseminate to relevant health professionals.

Ensure all record keeping in relation to safeguarding is appropriate, accountable and defensible.

To ensure that the perspective of the person at risk and the promotion of anti-discriminatory practice are incorporated into all aspects of safeguarding practices.

POLICY / SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

The post holder supports the Named Midwife for Safeguarding, Director of Midwifery, Associate Director of Midwifery, Deputy Associate Director of Midwifery, Associate Director of Safeguarding, Head of Safeguarding, Safeguarding Specialist Operational Leads in devising and implementing policies and service changes, along with service development and improvement.

Contribute to the development of policies, procedures, pathways of care and guidelines ensuring they are evidenced based to facilitate discharge planning and ensure patient safety.

FINANCIAL / PHYSICAL RESOURCES

The post holder is responsible for ensuring that the resources of the Trust are used responsibly and report any fraud in line with Trust Policy.

HUMAN RESOURCES

To identify and agree own development needs through the Knowledge and Skills Framework (KSF) Process, to achieve team and Trust objectives and the appraisal process.

To provide advice, support and training to:

- Trust staff
- Students
- Children
- Carers/patients
- Statutory, voluntary and private agencies

Providing supervision, support and specialist advice to staff at all levels within the organisation.

To take an active role in providing safeguarding children supervision.

To create, deliver and review safeguarding children training in line with statutory requirements.

To deliver training each month, or more often if required.

Be involved in the orientation, induction and preceptorship of junior staff.

The post holder is responsible for the day to day management of +/- 6 staff.

INFORMATION RESOURCES

The post holder will be responsible for the handling of statistical information, recording own information, entering data, using computer software, analysing information, monitoring the processing and presentation of extensive and complex data.

Supporting staff in understanding responsibilities of legislative frameworks in relation to information sharing in adult and child safeguarding is a key part of the role. The post holder

should work with the Information Governance Team, Caldicott Guardian and the Legal Services where there is complexity.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

To analyse national and local data in relation to safeguarding children/adults to ensure health professionals are alerted to developments and informed of changes.

To contribute to the identification and participation in appropriate safeguarding research topics utilising research methodology.

To ensure that health practitioners deliver services to safeguard children/adults based on sound best evidence, including relevant NICE Standards.

To work closely with the Associate Director of Safeguarding, Head of Safeguarding and Safeguarding Specialist Operational Lead to establish a robust monitoring and audit process for safeguarding children/adults, which promotes improvement and informs the RDUH of areas of good practice and development needs.

To identify and agree own development needs through the Knowledge and Skills Framework (KSF).

PHYSICAL SKILLS

The post holder will be required to have standard keyboard skills.

A high level of concentration will be required for report writing. Flexible working will be required to meet the demands of the post. Communication of complex and highly sensitive information safely between health professionals, agencies and outside Trusts will also be required.

Well-developed listening skills.

Flexible working will be required to meet the demands of the post.

PHYSICAL EFFORT

There is limited physical effort required for this role. The ability to travel between sites is required.

There is a requirement to carry laptop, computer and/or projection equipment approx. (3Kg) to meetings for presentation purposes.

MENTAL EFFORT

Ability to switch tasks and manage multiple strands of work as a result of interruptions and/or arising situations requiring urgent attention.

Periods of prolonged concentration are required when analysing information, writing reports and formulating policies.

The ability to meet high level deadlines within a limited timescale.

Respond to constant high risk demands for urgent advice and consultation.

EMOTIONAL EFFORT

The post holder will be exposed to emotionally demanding situations on a regular basis. They should behave consistently with the values and beliefs of the organisation and promote these on day to day basis.

Be able to act independently, decisively and effectively within responsible areas.

Be able to effectively and appropriately deal with criticism and challenging people and situations.

Frequent exposure to highly distressing information and dealing with bereavement and trauma.

Ability to positively and creatively challenge current thinking in order to develop new and improved policy and working practices.

Be able to influence others from partner agencies to support excellence in safeguarding practice.

The post holder will require emotional resilience and maturity when exposed to highly distressing or highly emotional circumstances for example in working with patients, their families and staff in safeguarding situations, including professional conduct of serious disciplinary cases.

WORKING CONDITIONS

The post holder may be exposed to some adverse environmental conditions, such as noise, stressful situations, aggressive behaviour and a busy environment as well as potential infectious diseases in the hospital or office setting.

A flexible working approach can be agreed with the line manager, including working from home, depending on service needs.

Frequent travel across the county and sometimes regionally and nationally.

The post holder will be required to work across RDUH.

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

The post holder will be required to take part in regular performance appraisals.

Undertake any training required in order to maintain competency including mandatory training, e.g. manual handling.

Contribute to and work within a safe working environment.

The post holder is expected to comply with Trust Infection Control Policies and conduct themselves at all times in such a manner as to minimise the risk of healthcare associated infection.

As an employee of the Trust, it is a contractual duty that you abide by any relevant code of professional conduct and/or practice applicable to you. A breach of this requirement may result in action being taken against you (in accordance with the Trust's disciplinary policy) up to and including dismissal.

You must also take responsibility for your workplace health and wellbeing:

- When required, gain support from Occupational Health, Human Resources or other sources.
- Familiarise yourself with the health and wellbeing support available from policies and/or Occupational Health.
- Follow the Trust's health and wellbeing vision of healthy body, healthy mind, healthy you.

Undertake a Display Screen Equipment assessment (DSE) if appropriate to the role.

APPLICABLE TO MANAGERS ONLY

Leading the team effectively and supporting their wellbeing by:

- Championing health and wellbeing.
- Encouraging and support staff engagement in delivery of the service.
- Encouraging staff to comment on development and delivery of the service.
- Ensuring during 1:1's / supervision with employees you always check how they are.

DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE CHECKS

This post has been identified as involving access to vulnerable adults and/or children and in line with Trust policy successful applicants will be required to undertake a Disclosure & Barring Service Disclosure Check.

GENERAL

This is a description of the job as it is now. We periodically examine employees' job descriptions and update them to ensure that they reflect the job as it is then being performed, or to incorporate any changes being proposed. This procedure is conducted by the manager in consultation with the jobholder. You will, therefore, be expected to participate fully in such discussions. We aim to reach agreement on reasonable changes, but if agreement is not possible, we reserve the right to insist on changes to your job description after consultation with you.

Everyone within the Trust has a responsibility for, and is committed to, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of vulnerable adults, children and young people and for ensuring that they are protected from harm, ensuring that the Trusts Child Protection and Safeguarding Adult policies and procedures are promoted and adhered to by all members of staff.

At the Royal Devon, we are committed to reducing our carbon emissions and minimizing the impact of healthcare on the environment, as outlined in our Green Plan available on our website. We actively promote sustainable practices and encourage colleagues to explore and implement greener ways of working within their roles.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Job Title	Senior Safeguarding Specialist – Safeguarding Midwife
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REQUIREMENTS

QUALIFICATION / SPECIAL TRAINING

Registered Midwife or Nurse	E	
Qualified professional with current NMC registration.	E	

Based on JM0210, matched 24/11/2022, consistency checked on 07/12/2022, checked by JE team on 02/10/2024

BSc Specialist Practitioner or relevant health or social care degree.	E	
Relevant post registration experience in safeguarding.	E	
Evidence of working with adults and children's safeguarding issues at a senior level.	E	
Teaching qualification/equivalent experience.		D
Specialist training in Domestic Abuse or equivalent experience.	E	
Safeguarding supervisor training or equivalent experience.		D
KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS		
Understanding of safeguarding issues across disciplines & agencies	E	
Track record of evidence based practice within the speciality	E	
Knowledge and understanding of safeguarding standards and guidelines	E	
Ability to promote understanding & incorporation of equality and diversity within safeguarding practice	E	
Role model best practice in safeguarding individuals	E	
Reflective approach to practice	E	
Able to communicate clearly and succinctly both verbally and in writing	E	
To have knowledge of the law relating to child protection/adult safeguarding/MCA/domestic abuse/Prevent/Modern Slavery/PiPot	E	
EXPERIENCE		
Clinical experience of managing safeguarding cases and highly sensitive information	E	
Evidence of working across agencies and boundaries	E	
Effective multi-disciplinary/multi-agency working	E	
Evidence of continuous professional development	E	
Experience of supervising staff		D
Innovative, able to problem solve and to produce effective improvement strategies	E	
Experience of designing and delivering training material		D
Evidence of report writing	E	
Experience of undertaking safeguarding investigations and reports	E	
Competency in providing safeguarding advice and processes	E	
Innovative and able to problem solve	E	
Have a sound knowledge of confidentiality	E	
PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES		
Enthusiastic, highly motivated and committed to developing the service in the best interests of all users	E	
Able to be assertive when necessary and remain calm in a busy environment	E	
Able to work proactively and constructively, independently and within a multi-disciplinary team	E	
Excellent communication and negotiation skills	E	
OTHER REQUIREMENTS		
Flexible in working practice	E	
Ability to travel and work across Trust sites	E	
Driving Licence	E	
The post holder must demonstrate a positive commitment to uphold diversity and equality policies approved by the Trust	E	
Willingness to work across both RDUH sites on occasions	E	

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Willingness to participate in the maternity on call rota	E	
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		FREQUENCY			
		(Rare/ Occasional/ Moderate/ Frequent)			
WORKING CONDITIONS/HAZARDS		R	O	M	F
Hazards/ Risks requiring Immunisation Screening					
Laboratory specimens	N				
Contact with patients	Y				
Exposure Prone Procedures	N				
Blood/body fluids	N				
Laboratory specimens	N				
Hazard/Risks requiring Respiratory Health Surveillance					
Solvents (e.g. toluene, xylene, white spirit, acetone, formaldehyde and ethyl acetate)	N				
Respiratory sensitisers (e.g isocyanates)	N				
Chlorine based cleaning solutions (e.g. Chlorclean, Actichlor, Tristel)	N				
Animals	N				
Cytotoxic drugs	N				
Risks requiring Other Health Surveillance					
Radiation (>6mSv)	N				
Laser (Class 3R, 3B, 4)	N				
Dusty environment (>4mg/m3)	N				
Noise (over 80dBA)	N				
Hand held vibration tools (=>2.5 m/s2)	N				
Other General Hazards/ Risks					
VDU use (> 1 hour daily)	Y				X
Heavy manual handling (>10kg)	N				
Driving	Y			X	
Food handling	N				
Night working	Y				
Electrical work	N				
Physical Effort	Y	X			
Mental Effort	Y			X	
Emotional Effort	Y				X
Working in isolation	Y		X		
Challenging behaviour	Y			X	

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