

## **Safeguarding Children Statement – Harley Street Medical**

We are committed to protecting children and young people from harm and [abuse](#). We understand our responsibilities under:

- [Childrens Act 2014](#)
- [Oranga Tamariki Act 1989](#)
- [Children, Young Persons, and Their Families \(Oranga Tamariki\) Legislation Act 2017](#)
- [Privacy Act 2020](#)
- [Health and Safety at Work Act 2015](#).

We take concerns about childrens' safety seriously:

- There is a clear process for reporting suspected abuse
- New staff are trained to recognise and respond to suspected abuse as part of their induction and orientation.
- We ensure all new staff are safety checked before employment is confirmed. Existing children's workers are safety checked every three years.

Our practice has two designated child protection champions to support staff in adherence to our Child Protection Policy. If abuse or neglect is suspected, detected, or disclosed, practice staff have a professional obligation to report any concerns about child wellbeing and safety to a senior general practitioner (unless there is a conflict of interest).

Under the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 and Family Violence Act 2018, health professionals may proactively disclose patient information to another agency, e.g. police or Oranga Tamariki, if someone's safety is at risk.