

Harley Street Medical

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN STATEMENT

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1. Our commitment

Harley Street Medical is committed to protecting tamariki, children and young people from abuse, neglect and harm. We take all concerns about their safety and wellbeing seriously.

2. Legislative and professional framework

We recognise our responsibilities under the Children's Act 2014, Oranga Tamariki Act 1989, Family Violence Act 2018, Privacy Act 2020, Health Information Privacy Code 2020, and Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.

3. How we safeguard children and young people

- We have a clear process for identifying, documenting, escalating and reporting concerns.
- New staff receive training during induction on recognising and responding to suspected abuse or neglect.
- Children's workers are safety checked before commencing employment or engagement, and existing children's workers are rechecked at least every three years.
- Staff receive ongoing guidance and support to meet their safeguarding responsibilities.

4. Child-protection leadership

Our practice has two designated child-protection champions who support staff and promote adherence to our Child Protection Policy.

5. Responding to a concern

If abuse or neglect is suspected, observed or disclosed, staff must act in accordance with the Child Protection Policy. Concerns should be promptly discussed with a designated child-protection champion or senior general practitioner, unless there is a conflict of interest or doing so could increase the risk to the child.

Where appropriate, concerns may be reported to Oranga Tamariki or Police. If a child is in immediate danger, Police must be contacted on 111.

6. Sharing information to protect a child

Information may be shared without consent where this is permitted by the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989, Family Violence Act 2018, Privacy Act 2020 or Health Information Privacy Code 2020. Only relevant information should be shared with an agency or person able to protect the child or lessen the risk. The reasons for sharing, and the information shared, must be documented.