



Vision Care Clinic is wholly committed to ensuring that all children and adults at risk who engage with the clinic are cared for in a safe and secure environment. To fulfil this commitment, a number of safeguarding arrangements are in place.

Policy and procedures

VCC will ensure all policies and procedures in respect of safeguarding children and adults are up to date and in line with recognised standards.

Designated safeguarding lead

VCC appoints a designated safeguarding lead who oversees the operational application of safeguarding. The lead is clear about their role, has sufficient time and receives relevant support and training to undertake their role.

Disclosure & barring checks

VCC meets statutory requirements in relation to Disclosure & Barring Service – all staff at VCC who meet the ‘regulated activity test’ (Freedom of Information Act 2012) is required to undergo an enhanced DBS check prior to employment.

Training

All eligible staff are required to undertake relevant safeguarding training. This training takes the form of:

- A mandated on-line training course for all staff each year
- Regular safeguarding updates

Audit

VCC has robust audit checklists to ensure that safeguarding systems and processes are working.