

Workshop title: Safeguarding Children & Adults for Dental Practices

Aim: To enable the dental practice to work individually, as a team & with other agencies to safeguard children & adults

Designed for: All members of staff in the dental practice

Objectives: During the workshop, staff will

- clarify types & signs of abuse in children & adults
- understand the requirements of legislation, government guidance & local safeguarding boards
- consider their internal safeguarding practices & procedures
- focus on the bigger picture of working with other agencies & authorities

Method: This workshop will be participative, using practical examples & exercises to help everyone relate the learning to their dental practice

Length: Three hours

Content:

What is abuse?

- * Types of abuse for children & adults
- * Signs of abuse & neglect
- * Specific signs likely to be spotted in dental practices

Legislation & guidance

- * Key legislation for safeguarding children & adults
- * Government guidance
- * Role of local safeguarding boards

Internal policies & procedures

- * Policies & procedures that relate to safeguarding
- * Gaps & uncertainties about implementation
- * Further action required

The bigger picture

- * Multi-agency working
- * Where the dental practice fits in
- * How every staff member can play their part