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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY & PROCEDURES

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This policy, and the accompanying Safeguarding Strategy document were agreed by the Board of Trustees on 29th June 2017. The Strategy and policy were subject to a six-monthly review on 20th February 2018. V4 is the version of the policy after review by the Designated Safeguarding Director and was finalised on 26th March 2018.

1 STATEMENT OF POLICY

Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults is a priority for Anthony Nolan. The activities carried out by Anthony Nolan mean that there are a range of staff and volunteers who may come into contact with people who are at risk of harm. All staff and volunteers are requested to help promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults, and report any safeguarding concerns to the relevant person.

This policy, and associated procedures, upholds Anthony Nolan's duties and reinforces our values and responsibilities in ensuring we provide a safe and responsive environment which safeguards children and vulnerable adults. It demonstrates compliance with UK legislation and other four nation's government legislation, policy guidance, research and good practice. This policy applies to all staff and volunteers, including the board of trustees, agency staff, students, or anyone working on behalf of Anthony Nolan.

2 PURPOSE

Anthony Nolan has a responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children and vulnerable adults who are involved in, or affected by, our work. This policy sets out our approach to reducing and managing risks, and the action staff and volunteers are asked to take when dealing with safeguarding concerns.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure:

- (a) The safety, needs and interests of children and vulnerable adults who receive Anthony Nolan services are upheld.
- (b) Appropriate response is made to protect all children and vulnerable adults who may be experiencing abuse.

- (c) Staff and volunteers are provided with the overarching principles that guide our approach to safeguarding.

This policy provides clear procedures on what to do if you have a safeguarding concern, how to manage, respond and refer those concerns, and where to go for help and support. This applies to all staff and volunteers across all divisions.

3 OUR APPROACH TO SAFEGUARDING

3.1 Safeguarding Group, Roles & Responsibilities

A Safeguarding Group, led by the Designated Safeguarding Director, has been formed to provide advice and support in relation to this policy.

Designated Safeguarding Leads will provide advice and support to staff and volunteers, provide advice to the organisation about all elements of safeguarding, oversee investigations into allegations and concerns of abuse, and ensure compliance with policies and procedures. The Designated Safeguarding Leads will liaise with and seek advice from the Designated Safeguarding Director and external agencies, as required.

The Designated Safeguarding Director will support Anthony Nolan's safeguarding responsibilities, provide support and guidance to Designated Safeguarding Leads in dealing with any difficult or urgent concerns, and ensure policies and procedures are complied with, reviewed, and updated.

The Human Resource Team (HR) is responsible for consultation and advice in relation to the implication of safeguarding issues in safer employment, disciplinary, or grievance procedures.

3.2 Recruitment of Staff and Volunteers

Anthony Nolan has rigorous and robust recruitment procedures in place to ensure that we appoint staff and volunteers that are appropriately qualified, and have the skills and knowledge to deliver a quality service. The law in the UK makes it clear that, under certain circumstances, criminal background checks can be used as part of recruiting paid staff and volunteers:

- We have a legal duty to carry out full criminal background checks for roles that involve very specific tasks that are considered regulated activity or regulated work.
- We are entitled to carry out full criminal background checks for roles that involve substantial, unsupervised contact with children or vulnerable adults, but do not involve carrying out tasks that constitute regulated activity or regulated work.
- We are not eligible to ask for full criminal background checks for any other roles.

In England and Wales, criminal background checks are carried out by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), in Northern Ireland by Access NI, and in Scotland by Disclosure Scotland.

Requesting a full criminal background check for a role that is not eligible is unlawful. Anthony Nolan will only carry out the appropriate level of criminal background checks on successful applicants, for employee and volunteer roles, where it can be clearly demonstrated that such a check is justified under the relevant national law.

3.3 Learning & Development

All staff and volunteers will be made aware of their role in supporting Anthony Nolan's safeguarding responsibilities. There are different levels of training provided which are relevant to different roles and responsibilities within Anthony Nolan.

4 DEFINITIONS

4.1 Types of Abuse

The Care Act, 2014 and Working Together, 2015 outline categories of abuse, which include:

- Discriminatory
- Domestic violence
- Financial and material
- Institutional
- Modern slavery
- Neglect/acts of omission
- Physical
- Psychological/emotional
- Sexual

Child: Any person under the age of 18 years (Children Act, 1989).

Vulnerable adult: A vulnerable adult is someone over the age of 18 who is, or may be for any reason, unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation.

Safeguarding: In its simplest terms safeguarding can be defined as 'keeping children and vulnerable adults safe from harm'. It is a broad term that can refer to things such as road safety and playground safety, as well as specific abuse.

Child protection: Is part of safeguarding and refers to the activity undertaken to protect young people. It focuses on specific types of abuse and our response to its occurrence.

Local Authority Designated Officer: Working Together, 2015 says that local authorities should have designated a particular officer (a qualified social worker), or team of officers (either as part of multi-agency arrangements or otherwise), to be involved in the management and oversight of allegations against people that work with children. Local authorities in England should identify designated officers (referred to as the LADO) to be involved in the management and oversight of individual cases of allegations of abuse made against those who work with children as set out in the Allegations Against People who Work with Children Procedure (published by the Department of Children, Schools and Families). Local authorities will also have procedures for dealing with allegations against people who work with vulnerable adults.

The role of the LADO is to give advice and guidance to employers and voluntary organisations, liaise with the police and other agencies, and monitor the progress of cases to ensure that they are dealt with as quickly as possible, and are consistent with a thorough and fair process.

5 RECORDING AND REPORTING CONCERNS

Staff and volunteers are asked to report concerns about the welfare of people they come into contact with. These may be about people affected by blood cancer, or may relate to the behaviour of other staff or volunteers, or working practices in place.

Individual staff and volunteers must never investigate an allegation of abuse unless appointed to do so by a Designated Safeguarding Lead.

In all circumstances, staff and volunteers should take the following action:

- (a) Ensure their own safety – leave the situation if they are at risk of harm;
- (b) Where there is clear evidence of harm or an imminent danger call the emergency services immediately;
- (c) Treat all allegations of abuse seriously;
- (d) Report concerns to a line manager/Volunteer Lead/Designated Safeguarding Lead as soon as possible.

5.2 Responding to a Child/Adult at Risk Concern

If a safeguarding concern comes to your attention, the following actions must be taken by the person receiving the information:

1. If in person, always offer reassurance, listen to and take seriously what is being said. Never promise to keep secrets or be persuaded by the individual or the family not to take action if you are worried that the individual is being harmed, or is at risk of harm.
2. Complete the safeguarding record form (see Appendix A. Templates available on Matchbook) as soon as possible after receiving information, including date, time, words spoken, injuries noticed/disclosed, and a brief outline of the concern or incident. It may be necessary to undertake some enquiries, including; full name, age, mobile number, email address, and any involvement with Anthony Nolan's work.

It is not your job to investigate or verify what is being said, or to examine the child/adult; this is the statutory responsibility of the local authority/child protection services and/or the police.

3. If the child/adult is at immediate risk of harm, (unless doing so would put you or others at risk):
 - 1) Refer immediately to the police by calling 999, or NSPCC on 0800 800 5000.
 - 2) Contact your Line Manager/Volunteer Lead, to inform them that you are making a safeguarding report.
4. Explain the process (where possible) to the child/adult; that you will need to pass this information on, to whom you'll pass it on to, the reasons why, and any possible actions.

5. Report the concern to a Designated Safeguarding Lead, forwarding to them the completed Safeguarding Record Form. The Designated Safeguarding Lead will review all details of the case and make a clear assessment of whether the information received is deemed to be a child/adult protection referral, and/or a situation in which further action must be taken. They may also contact the Designated Safeguarding Director and external agencies for further information and advice.
6. The Safeguarding Lead will be responsible for agreeing any necessary further action with the Safeguarding Director. If a referral is needed to a child/adult protection agency, this will be completed by a member of the Safeguarding Group within 24 hours.
7. The Designated Safeguarding Lead will also complete necessary sections on the respective Safeguarding Record Form to provide details of further people contacted, together with any outcome known at that stage. Reports should be copied to the Designated Safeguarding Director.
8. If, at any point, the situation escalates and it seems that the person is at increased risk, the Designated Safeguarding Lead must immediately contact the police.
9. The Designated Safeguarding Lead must establish the outcome of the referral. The Local Authority Social Work Manager will decide if child/adult protection procedures are appropriate. If adult/child protection services do not make further contact with Anthony Nolan within three days, the Designated Safeguarding Lead will contact them for an update.
10. The Designated Safeguarding Lead will inform the individual who raised the concern of the outcome in as much detail as possible, respecting confidentiality. In many cases this is likely to be an acknowledgement of receipt of the concern, and confirmation that action has been taken.
11. The person reporting the concern can request an update on the outcome from the Designated Safeguarding Lead. If they are not satisfied by the actions taken, they can raise this with the Designated Safeguarding Director, who will look into the matter further.

5.3 Out of Hours Services

If the child/adult is at immediate risk of harm, or if you need advice outside of office hours:

- 1) Refer immediately to the police by calling 999, or call the NSPCC on 0800 800 5000.
- 2) Contact your line manager/Volunteer Lead, as soon as possible, to inform them that you are making a safeguarding report.

6 INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE

Where a Designated Safeguarding Lead decides that the allegations need to be investigated, the issue will be notified to the appropriate local authority, health and social care trust and/or the police. All enquiries will be managed within the local authority, trust or police procedures, in line with legal and statutory guidance. The main aim of any enquiries is to prevent or stop harm to children or vulnerable adults.

Anthony Nolan staff and volunteers may be asked to cooperate as required with any external protection agencies, enquiries or investigations.

6.1 Allegations of Abuse Made Against Anthony Nolan Staff and Volunteers

Anthony Nolan must investigate where an Anthony Nolan staff member or volunteer is alleged to have abused someone. The respective line manager and Designated Safeguarding Lead will discuss the allegation with HR and, after consulting the Designated Safeguarding Director, will make a decision about whether the allegation needs to be reported to the police and/or Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO).

A decision must be made as to whether the staff member or volunteer is able to continue in their normal duties, or whether adjustments should be made to their work to protect them and/or others. This is in order to allow an investigation to be carried out as quickly as possible, while minimising risk. The Designated Safeguarding Director will advise on the investigative process and an appropriate person to carry out any investigation. Any adjustment and/or investigation will be carried out under the staff disciplinary policy & procedure or the volunteer management process.

All staff and volunteers who are alleged to have abused someone will be signposted to agencies that can provide support until any investigation is concluded.

6.2 E-safety & Social Media

All staff and volunteers are asked to exercise personal responsibility and maximise safety, in line with Anthony Nolan's Information and Communications Policy and Procedures and Volunteer Social Media Policy & Procedures, when accessing Anthony Nolan IT and Social Media.

- The use of e-media should always be within the context of a planned and supervised piece of work, consistent with Anthony Nolan's Safeguarding Code of Conduct (See Appendix B. Copies available on Matchbook).
- Staff and volunteers are required to gain permission from their relevant line manager on taking and storing digital images, and gain appropriate consents for all images of children used.
- All forms of social media and internet postings must be moderated appropriately.

7 SUPPORT FOR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Certain roles within Anthony Nolan may increase the risk of physical, psychological, and emotional harm, such as roles where staff or volunteers deal with sensitive and challenging situations and issues. Anthony Nolan has a duty to ensure that all staff and volunteers in such roles have access to regular supervision and the opportunity to discuss their own wellbeing. Our Health and Safety Policy, Serious Incident Reporting Policy and Volunteer Personal Safety Policy & Procedures ensure we have arrangements in place to prevent, where possible, violence and aggression occurring whilst working or volunteering, and to take action where necessary to deal with any incidents.

All roles must be assessed carefully by the appropriate person (line manager/Volunteer Lead/HR), in conjunction with the Safeguarding Group, to ensure that signposting for support and provision of training are put in place, as necessary.

The requirement for the following additional options must be considered:

- Personal safety training
- Clinical supervision

All employees, and eligible volunteers, have access to an Employment Assistance Programme (EAP), provided by the external agency Health Assured. This is a 24 hour specialist service designed to offer confidential information and support across a number of topics.

7.1 Lone Working

Anthony Nolan has a Lone Working Policy, which provides guidance and information about issues relating to lone working. Individuals working alone may be more vulnerable to allegations of abuse and therefore must adhere to safer working practice within the Lone Working Policy and G24 procedure (see below).

Employees and volunteers who work alone will receive any necessary training and information about how they can access support whilst working, and respond to safeguarding concerns in line with this procedure.

7.2 Guardian 24 (G24)

Anthony Nolan provides an automated lone worker system called Guardian 24, for lone workers in high-risk activities – currently, this only applies to volunteer Couriers. This system allows a volunteer Courier to use their mobile phone to track their journey and input the expected duration of their journey each day. If they do not clock out of their journey, an automatic alarm is raised and G24 are alerted. If there is an emergency while lone working, G24 also allows a volunteer to discretely raise an alarm and an escalation process is followed. All volunteer Courier's are requested to use G24 when lone working.

7.3 Advice and Support

Further advice and support can be obtained by contacting HR or a member of the Safeguarding Group on safeguarding@anthonymolan.org.

8 SAFEGUARDING CODE OF CONDUCT

All staff and volunteers are asked to follow the guidelines set out within the Safeguarding Code of Conduct, to help protect the integrity of themselves and the organisation. This information forms part of the mandatory safeguarding e-learning induction module.

9 CONFIDENTIALITY

All documentation relating to incidents or allegations of people being harmed, or placed at risk of harm, will be kept and treated confidentially and in accordance with the Data Protection Act (DPA). This includes information from Safeguarding Report Forms, individual details, and outcomes of all investigations. Only those people who need to know about an incident will be kept informed.

The minimum relevant information will be stored within a restricted access folder on the server, and managed by the Safeguarding Group.

10 COMPLAINTS ABOUT SAFEGUARDING ACTIONS

If for any reason, a staff member or volunteer feels they cannot raise issues through a member of the Safeguarding Group or line management, other external third parties are available. No individual should feel that they cannot report a concern. All reports will be treated seriously, fairly and impartially. The independent third parties available in such cases are:

- Chair of the Board of Trustees: Ian Krieger

- Chair of the Audit & Finance Committee: Carol MacKinnon
- External independent auditor: Nick Sladden, RSM

Any complaint about the way Anthony Nolan has handled a safeguarding issue will be logged through our internal complaints policy and addressed by the relevant team in accordance with this. If the complaint concerns sensitive or confidential information, or information which is the subject of an ongoing investigation, it may be referred to the Designated Safeguarding Director who will discuss with the relevant people, and respond to the complaint as appropriate having established the facts.

11 REFERENCES AND ASSOCIATED GUIDANCE

- Anthony Nolan's Safeguarding Code of Conduct
- The Care Act 2014
- Children's Act 1989
- Disciplinary Policy & Procedure for Employees
- Dealing with Problems Policy & Procedure, for Volunteers
- Volunteer Personal Safety Policy & Procedure
- AdHoc Counselling Referral Form
- Anthony Nolan's Lone Working Policy
- Corporate Entertainment, Gifts, Hospitality and Promotional Expenditure Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Gambling Act 2005
- Fundraising and Vulnerable People Policy



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Safeguarding Record Form

Please complete all sections of this form with as much information as possible. If you do not have the information, do not let it delay reporting the concern. Once reported, the safeguarding lead will speak with you if there are any questions or clarifications needed. If you need support in completing this form you can contact a member of the Safeguarding Group by emailing safeguarding@anthonymolan.org

Out of hours: If the child/adult is at immediate risk of harm, or if you need advice outside of office hours: call 999 or contact NSPCC on 0800 800 5000 and then Inform a Designated Safeguarding Lead of your actions

Once this form is complete, please scan and send to: safeguarding@anthonymolan.org.uk
Information provided will be managed sensitively and stored in line with our internal safeguarding procedures.

Details of the Child/Vulnerable Adult and their Parents(s)/ Carer (if known)			
Name of Child / Vulnerable Adult			
Gender		Date of Birth	
Parent/Carers Name(s)	*leave blank if your concern is about a vulnerable adult who does not have a carer		
Home address			
Telephone number			

Your details			
Your name		Your role	
Contact phone number:		Date form completed	

Details/physical description of the person alleged to have caused harm to a child/vulnerable adult, or who there is reason to believe may cause harm (If known)			
Name or description of Child / Vulnerable Adult			
Gender		Date of Birth	

Agency	
Parent/Carers Name(s)	*leave blank if your concern is about a vulnerable adult who does not have a carer
Home address	

Report			
These are my own concerns	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	These are concerns raised by someone else	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
		(Please provide details)	
Nature of your concern (Please describe what you have been told and/or observed that has worried you)			
Description:			
Please tick here if you have attached a supporting document (e.g. letter): <input type="checkbox"/>			

Further Actions Taken			
Details of any witnesses to the incident(s)			
Police / Other Emergency Services	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Other Anthony Nolan employee / Volunteer	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

Further details: Including what advice did they give you and what actions did you take

Print Name

Signature

To be completed by the Safeguarding Lead

Assessment and actions:

Safeguarding Lead name and signature:

Print Name:

Signature:

Date:



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Safeguarding Code of Conduct For Staff and Volunteers

Anthony Nolan believes that all staff and volunteers should work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults. This code of conduct forms part of the agreement for all paid and unpaid roles.

This code of conduct is designed to:

- safeguard children and vulnerable adults involved in any activity
- assist staff and volunteers to identify appropriate behaviour as they carry out their role
- enable staff and volunteers to raise concerns without fear of recrimination

Anthony Nolan promises to:

- support any staff or volunteer who raises a concern
- take all reports seriously and follow up according to internal procedures
- provide appropriate training and guidance to all staff and volunteers
- investigate any breach of this code of conduct and take appropriate action

We ask all staff and volunteers to:

- report any incidents or concerns that cause you to believe that a child or vulnerable adult is, or is likely to be, at risk of harm to the Safeguarding Lead. In the case of emergencies, report directly to the police
- remember not to investigate the matter any further yourself, and don't promise to keep any disclosure of abuse a secret
- be respectful towards your peers, other volunteers and Anthony Nolan staff. Treating them how you would want to be treated yourself
- be aware of changes in behaviour and inappropriate conduct in other workers and volunteers and report if necessary
- disclose any criminal record, caution, reprimand or warning - whether received prior to, or during the course of your role with Anthony Nolan

We ask all staff and volunteers not to:

- use your position to intimidate, bully, threaten, discriminate against, coerce or undermine children, vulnerable adults, volunteers or staff
- behave or communicate with children or vulnerable adults in ways which seek to build inappropriate relationships which may put them at risk
- use a relationship with a patient, donor, or their family, for personal gain
- give special rewards or privileges in an attempt to build inappropriate relationships with children or vulnerable adults.

- engage in, or attempt to engage in, abusive or inappropriate relationships with children or vulnerable adults, including the use of suggestive conversations, comments, texting or emails
- possess indecent images of children
- carry out your role whilst adversely affected by alcohol, solvents or drugs
- encourage or assist others to break the law in any way

Ends