

Safeguarding Children Declaration

The Executive Board of the Nottingham NHS Treatment Centre is accountable for and committed to ensuring the safeguarding of children in their care. The Treatment Centre also has a responsibility to liaise with other agencies and provide information to them where necessary, to ensure the ongoing safety of children once they leave our care.

The Head of Healthcare Governance has Board level responsibility for safeguarding children and is supported by the named Doctor and Nurse

Systems and processes

The Treatment Centre complies with current legislation and meets statutory requirements in relation to carrying out Criminal Records Bureau checks for new starters. All direct hire staff have an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check and assurance is obtained from Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust for those staff working under a secondment or service level agreement.

Policies

The Treatment Centres child protection policies and procedures are currently being reviewed in line with best practice and will be ratified in August 2011. All information relating to safeguarding children is available in these policies, including the contact details of each member of the Safeguarding Children's Team. Children who fail to attend out-patients appointments are routinely followed up.

The Treatment Centre is establishing a flagging system to ensure that data is accessible to all areas that need to share information relating to safeguarding children. For a child who is deemed to be vulnerable, social services are contacted to establish whether there are known safeguarding concerns or whether the child is subject to a child protection plan.

Training

In accordance with the Intercollegiate Document published in September 2010 the Treatment Centre is updating all staff to Level 2 training in safeguarding children. This will be completed by 31 July 2010. This is being achieved by the inclusion of Level 2 training in the corporate Induction and annual updates at Clinical Unit meetings. The Named Nurse attained level 3 training on 9th April 2010 as have a number of lead nurses and those nurses who work directly with children. The newly appointed Executive Lead and named Doctor will receive level 3 training in October 2011

% of staff trained to 15 July 2011

Level	% staff trained
Level 1	88
Level 2	80
Level 3	100

Resources

The Treatment Centre's safeguarding children's team are employed on the following basis.

1 x WTE	Executive Lead
1 x WTE	Named Nurse
1 x 0.5 WTE	Named Doctor

The Executive Lead and Named Doctor are scheduled to be trained to Level 3 and the Named Nurse is already trained and receives regular update training. Each of the above receives support and ongoing training to undertake their roles. All safeguarding leads are members of the Safeguarding Board. The team work closely with other health professionals and other agencies outside the Treatment Centre to ensure the safety of children.

Assurance

The Treatment Centre has undertaken the East Midlands Strategic Health Authority's assurance framework 'The Markers of Best Practice'. Where relevant improvements can be made we have developed a responsive remedial action plan which is being monitored by the Executive Board which meets monthly and receives updates on safeguarding issues. In addition safeguarding issues are reported to the Clinical Governance and Risk Management Committee (sub-committee of the Executive Board) which also meets monthly. The Executive Board takes the issue of safeguarding extremely seriously, and receives an annual report on safeguarding children.

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