

Child Safeguarding Statement



CoL - Department of Community & Children's Services

Our organisation has completed a CHSCP Self-Assessment.



Nature / Type of Organisation and Services Provided:

The Corporation of the City of London provides a wide range of services to residents, workers and visitors to the City of London. The Department of Community and Children's Services (DCCS), has a wide remit to provide housing, education, social care and community services to the residential and worker population of the City of London.

Our commitment to safeguarding children:

The Corporation of the City of London recognises that child protection and welfare considerations must be reflected in all its policies, procedures, practices and activities. Everyone has a responsibility to safeguard the welfare of children, young people and adults at risk, whatever the role of the individual, or the City Corporation service or department they work in. Within the DCCS Outcomes Framework sets out our five priority themes. These are:

Safe - People of all ages live in safe communities, our homes are safe and well maintained and our estates are protected from harm

Potential - People of all ages can achieve their ambitions through education, training and lifelong-learning

Independence, involvement and choice - People of all ages can live independently, play a role in their communities and exercise choice over their services

Health and wellbeing - People of all ages enjoy good health and wellbeing

Community - People of all ages feel part of, engaged with and able to shape their community

Identified Risk (1)

Huge movement of children through the City, due to attending schools, cultural events, and transport links.

How are we mitigating this risk? (1)

Staff and volunteers are appraised of how to refer to children to the correct LA
Clear processes in place to support the identification of need and referral pathways
Awareness raising with members of the public. This is done via a number of online platforms including City of London and CHSCP websites

Identified Risk (2)

Staff and volunteers not having the appropriate safeguarding training or checks in place

How are we mitigating this risk? (2)

Robust safer recruitment processes are in place across DCCS
Appropriate level of DBS checks are completed and updated
Access to regular safeguarding training via City Learning and CHSCP
Clear code of conduct and behaviour to be in place in within DCCS, which are accessible to staff and regularly reference in supervision, team meetings, or 1:1's

Identified Risk (3)

Managers across DCCS are clear on their staff or volunteers responsibilities in relation to safeguarding

How are we mitigating this risk? (3)

A clear, annual updated Corporate Safeguarding Policy is in place
Safeguarding is a priority within DCCS and is part of the Corporate Risk Register
Managers reinforce safeguarding responsibilities with staff and support attendance at appropriate training
Managers are aware of how to refer to the LADO and when this is required

Identified Risk (4)

Use of commissioned and external services staff and volunteers

How are we mitigating this risk? (4)

Commissioning processes are in place around safeguarding expectations
Clear expectations are in place about adherence to Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct
Regular contract reviews to take place to ensure commissioned services are provided inline with expected procedures
Safeguarding training and checks are completed prior to engagement of services

Identified Risk (5)

Hidden harm may be impacting children such as online bullying, grooming, or living with substance misuse

How are we mitigating this risk? (5)

Workers across DCCS are appropriately trained to spot signs and behaviours which may indicate harm is taking place
Firewall and content filters are in place in spaces where children are using Corporation devices
Staff are aware of support services available in relation to mental health, wellbeing and substance misuse

In addition to those detailed in our risk assessment, the following legislation, policies, procedures and guidance support and inform our intention to safeguard children while they are accessing our service(s). These documents are available upon request.

Safeguarding and Safer Recruitment
Use of CCTV
Commissioning Procedures
Safeguarding Training Offer
Management of List of Regulated Professions

The final draft of this safeguarding statement has been agreed for submission by the individual with overall responsibility for the organisation. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers. *Please confirm*



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