

Child Safeguarding Statement



ELFT Corporate Safeguarding Team

Our organisation has completed a CHSCP Self-Assessment.



Nature / Type of Organisation and Services Provided:

East London NHS Foundation Trust provides a wide range of mental health, community health, primary care, well-being and inpatient services to young people, working age adults and older adults to the City of London, Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets, Bedfordshire and Luton. Hackney also hosts a Mother and Baby Unit and the Adult Forensic Unit.

Our commitment to safeguarding children:

East London NHS Foundation Trust (ELFT) is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Working closely with partner agencies to ensure a seamless, co-ordinated approach to children and young people receiving our care, and to the children of adults in our care.

We aim to fulfill our commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people as set out in The Children Act 2004 (Section 11) by :

- Having clear lines of accountability and structures
- Having a robust safeguarding governance framework in place
- Supporting a culture that promotes the welfare of children and enables early identification and management of safeguarding issues
- Ensuring staff receive adequate training to identify and protect children from abuse and neglect

Identified Risk (1)

Child abuse / neglect may not be recognised by staff

How are we mitigating this risk? (1)

All staff complete the statutory Safeguarding Children and Young People training as per the Intercollegiate Document. Assurance is provided to the Trust Board via the Corporate Safeguarding Committee.
Children Safeguarding Supervision is provided to all staff.

Identified Risk (2)

Staff may not know how to make a referral / request for support

How are we mitigating this risk? (2)

Details of making a safeguarding referrals is included in the training
Staff have direct access to the Trust Children Safeguarding team and Named Professional Safeguarding Children (City and Hackney).
Staff know how to access the City and Hackney Safeguarding Partnership website for information, advise and undertaking requests for

Identified Risk (3)

The organisation may employ a person with a history of offences against children.

How are we mitigating this risk? (3)

People and Culture Department (includes Recruitment and Resourcing Team) to support safer recruitment.
All staff working in the service are expected to be DBS checked for an enhanced check with children's barred list information.
Safer recruitment policy and procedures in place

Identified Risk (4)

Harm may be encountered from the environment

How are we mitigating this risk? (4)

The service management and estates team undertake an annual environmental risk assessment to ensure that the environment to identify risk and ensure it is mitigated in accordance with Trust governance processes
Reception staff are present to welcome CYP and families to the building and security cameras and secure access in place.
Health and Safety Policy

Identified Risk (5)

How are we mitigating this risk? (5)

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 Children Policy (next update due February 2026)
Safeguarding Children Supervision Policy (next update due June 2025)
Management of Allegations against Staff Policy (next update due October 2024)
Domestic Abuse and Harmful Practices Policy (next update due October 2024)
ELFT-Prevent Policy (next update due March 2026)

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.

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<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/information-about-elft/trust-policies-procedures>