

Child Safeguarding Statement



City of London Police - Public Protection Unit

Our organisation has completed a CHSCP Self-Assessment.



Nature / Type of Organisation and Services Provided:

City of London Police

Services:

Our commitment to safeguarding children:

The City of London Police are committed to the protection and welfare of all children and bringing offenders to justice.

- Child protection and welfare consideration must be reflected in all of our policies, procedures, practices and activities.
- It will comply with its statutory obligations and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children.
- It will co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child safeguarding issues. It will adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm happening to children.
- It will fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child safeguarding matters

COLP have a specific Child Protection and CSE policy SOP.

Risk that children might face (1)

- Lack of qualified staff in Child Protection Team
- Currently 1 DS and 1 DC
- Should be 1 DS and 3 DCs

How are we mitigating this risk? (1)

- 2 further DCs have been recruited and are currently going through vetting
- An extensive training plan is being developed so officers will be trained in child protection, CSE, indecent images of children and CPsys as and when courses become available. The new SCAIDP course is not available until 2024 as per The College of Policing.

Risk that children might face (2)

Risk of harm/concern not recognised by staff.

How are we mitigating this risk? (2)

- Relevant Child Protection and CPD training to all staff
- Clear reporting procedures in place.
- Details of DSLs contact details available on intranet.
- Implementation and regular review of our Child Protection Policy ensuring compliance.
- Specific training delivered to CPT to assess and disseminate Public Protection Notices.

Risk that children might face (3)

Criminalising children such as incidents of them sending photos of themselves to others

How are we mitigating this risk? (3)

- Compliance with IIOC SOP
- Assessment PPNs for referral to appropriate agencies to prevent child becoming exposed to further criminality

Risk that children might face (4)

IT issues impacting CAID affecting officers investigating IIOC offences. Lack of CPsys trained officers.

How are we mitigating this risk? (4)

IT have resolved the issues and CAID is now functioning.

Training for CPsys sourced for a further 2 officers.

Risk that children might face (5)

Welfare of the staff investigating these crimes and being exposed to IIOC.

How are we mitigating this risk? (5)

Introduction of twice yearly OHU screening and monthly OHU drop sessions for officers.

The following legislation, policies, procedures and guidance also support and inform our intention to safeguard children while they are accessing our service(s). These documents are available upon request.

Sarah's Law information available via CoLP website
Child Protection and CSE SOP
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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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Procedures are available to the public here:

<https://www.cityoflondon.police.uk/rqo/request/ri/request-information/sarahs-law-beta/sarahs-law-child-sex-o>