

Child Safeguarding Statement



Homerton Healthcare/Safeguarding Children Team

Our organisation has completed a CHSCP Self-Assessment.



Nature / Type of Organisation and Services Provided:

Homerton Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is an integrated trust providing hospital and community services for a diverse population from Hackney, the City of London, and neighbouring boroughs. I

Our commitment to safeguarding children:

The Homerton is committed to have arrangements in place that:

•Meet the CQC Safeguarding Fundamental Standard which states that:
Children and adults using service are protected from abuse and improper treatment.

•Responds to emerging contemporary safeguarding children issues

Objectives

• A child centred approach for all staff irrespective of whether or not they work in adult or children services.

•Ensure that all children particularly those with additional needs receive early help and early intervention when safeguarding concerns are identified.

•Require all staff to undertake safeguarding children training and participate in supervision commensurate with their role.

•Require staff to 'Think Family' when there are concerns about mental health, physical well-being or drug or alcohol use in parents or carers.

•Support staff to be proactive and contribute to multi-agency safeguarding arrangements.

Risk that children might face (1)

The needs of vulnerable children with protected characteristic are recognised and acted on by staff

How are we mitigating this risk? (1)

The additional vulnerability of this group children is highlighted in safeguarding children training and in the safeguarding children policy.

The SCT is a representative on the Multi-agency SEND Group

Staff are signed posted to the wide range of resources available on the internet including the:
<https://chscp.org.uk/professionals/>

Risk that children might face (2)

Children and young people know are aware of their right to be protected consulted and treated with respect

How are we mitigating this risk? (2)

1) Children service leads to develop resources to ensure children and young people voices are heard. 2) Strengthen feedback from children and young people via the Friends and Family test on their experience of using services. 3) MDT developing a comprehensive Voice of the Child training package including guidance effective communicate children

Risk that children might face (3)

Children are provided in age appropriate formats which meets their communication needs

How are we mitigating this risk? (3)

The SCT will continue to raise awareness with service leads of the need to communicate effectively with children who use their services.

Mitigation of the risk is link to the actions described in risk 2.

Risk that children might face (4)

How are we mitigating this risk? (4)

Risk that children might face (5)

How are we mitigating this risk? (5)

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.

Allegations Against Staff

Care of Children when parent/carer is admitted

CONI Policy

Chaperone Policy

Domestic Abuse Policy

FGM

Safeguarding Children Policy

Safeguarding Children Supervision

Was Not Brought Policy

Guidance:

Procedures are available to the public here:

<https://www.homerton.nhs.uk/policies-guidelines-and-procedures>

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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