

Child Safeguarding Statement



Quality and Safeguarding Department

Our organisation has completed a CHSCP Self-Assessment.



Nature / Type of Organisation and Services Provided:

NHS North East London is responsible for planning and buying health services across North East London to meet our population's needs, making sure all parts of the local health system work effectively together.

We serve over two million people, eight local authority areas, working with partners and patients to improve health and care outcomes for local people.

Our commitment to safeguarding children:

As an organisation we are committed to the safeguarding of children and young people. We work in partnership with all eight local authorities, healthcare providers, safeguarding partnerships and networks of professionals to achieve this aim.

Our aim is to ensure that all the services we commission provide safe care to our patients.

We do this by:

- Putting local people first and making safeguarding a priority in all the services we commission
- Ensuring that all staff have access to training and are supported with the right policies and procedures to help them recognise and report concerns
- Using robust and collaborative quality improvement approaches to strengthen safeguarding arrangements
- Working closely with doctors, nurses and all clinical staff; alongside our multi agency partners
- Employing and securing the expertise of designated safeguarding professionals

Risk that children might face (1)

Child abuse / neglect may not be recognised by staff

How are we mitigating this risk? (1)

All of our staff are trained in safeguarding children to Level 1 at a minimum. Training is mandatory, monitored and is in line with intercollegiate guidance.

Risk that children might face (2)

Staff may not know what to do if they have a concern relating to safeguarding children.

How are we mitigating this risk? (2)

We have safeguarding policies in place. We employ designated safeguarding professionals in line with national requirements, to give advice and support as required as well as providing strategic safeguarding direction across the organisation. Our child protection / safeguarding policy details the contact details of our key safeguarding roles

Risk that children might face (3)

The organisation may employ a person who is unsuitable to work with children.

How are we mitigating this risk? (3)

We have a robust Recruitment & Selection Policy that is in line with CHSCP Minimum-Standards-for-Safe-Recruitment. We have a Managing Allegations Policy which includes referral to the Local Authority Designated Officer. Complaints and disciplinary procedures are also in place.

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.

Safeguarding Policy
Allegations Against Staff Policy
Supervision Policy
Training Strategy
Recruitment Policy

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:

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