

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN ASSURANCE STATEMENT

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHS Trust is fully committed to safeguarding children. In response to the findings from the Care Quality Commission review published in July 2009 the Trust can confirm that:

- It is compliant with the statutory requirement to undertake a Criminal Records Bureau check of all relevant employees appointed since 2002. Employees in key positions appointed prior to this time have also been subject to a check.
- Child Protection policies are robust and are reviewed every two years or more frequently if required to comply with any new national guidance or legislation.
- There is a system in place to follow up children who miss two consecutive outpatient appointments.
- There is a system in place for flagging up children about whom there are child protection concerns
- All new staff to the Trust have Level 1 training as part of the Induction programme and all staff subsequently receive training at the required level for their post. A programme is in place to provide training at Levels 1, 2 and 3 during the year in accordance with the Training Strategy. There is a plan to implement the e-learning for healthcare on-line training package to support the ongoing delivery of Levels 1 and 2 training.
- Named professionals are clear about their roles for safeguarding children.
- The Deputy Chief Executive/Chief Nurse is the Executive lead for safeguarding children.
- Dr. Jill Robinson, Non-Executive Director is the nominated Non-Executive Director lead for safeguarding children.

Date: 4 March 2010

Signed: 

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Chair of Trust Board