

Child safeguarding declaration

Camden Provider Services works hard to ensure that all patients including children and young people are cared for in a safe, secure and caring environment. As a result a number of safeguarding children arrangements are in place:

Camden Provider Services meets statutory requirements in relation to Criminal Records Bureau checks. All staff employed at the Trust undergoes a CRB check prior to employment and those working with children undergo an enhanced level of assessment.

All Child Protection policies and systems are up-to-date and robust and are reviewed on a regular basis by the Child Safeguarding Sub-committee. Policies and documents are ratified and approved in line with our "Policy on the management of procedural documents". Policies and procedures are available to all staff via the provider services intranet.

Camden Provider Services has in place a process for following up children who miss outpatient appointments within any speciality to ensure their care and ultimately their health is not affected in any way. In addition the Trust has a system in place for flagging children for who there are safeguarding concerns.

All eligible staff are required to undertake relevant safeguarding training and this is regularly reviewed to ensure it is up to date. Camden Provider Services has a robust training strategy in place with regard to delivering safeguarding training. As at the end of June 2011 the figures for staff training are:

- **91%** of all eligible staff are up to date on level one training- the target is 80%
- **74%** of clinical staff are up to date on level two training- the target is 80%
- **90%** of clinical staff are up to date on level three training- the target is 80%
- **100%** of clinical staff are up to date in level four training – the target is 80%

The training strategy and arrangements are being reviewed and includes looking at alternative ways of delivering training across the Provider Services. The training arrangements will be reviewed annually.

Camden Provider Services has named professionals who lead on issues in relation to Safeguarding. They are clear about their role, have sufficient time and receive relevant support and training, to undertake their roles, which includes close contact with other social, local authority and independent sector agencies, as well as health care organisations. The total numbers of professionals in these roles is four and are broken down by discipline as follows:

Named Doctor 3.00 p.a. (programmed activities)
Named Nurse 1.00 w.t.e. (whole time equivalent)
Child Protection Nurse Advisor 0.80 w.t.e.
Administrative support 1.50 w.t.e.

The Chief Executive Officer is the Executive Director lead for Safeguarding Children and the Head of Nursing chairs the Child Safeguarding Sub-Committee which reports to the Executive Committee via the Standards and Compliance Committee. The Executive Committee reports to the CNWL Quality Committee.