

Safeguarding Children and Young People Declaration – July 2017

1. Introduction

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust (ICHT) is committed to the protection and safeguarding of all patients, including children and young people. ICHT works closely with multi-agency partners to ensure that the outcomes for children are improved by having robust safeguarding children arrangements in place.

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust meets statutory requirements in relation to Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. All staff employed at the Trust undergo a DBS check prior to employment. Checks are enhanced or standard depending on the role. All roles providing patient care are subject to an enhanced check, with checking against the barred lists (adults, children or both) as appropriate.

The Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust Safeguarding Children & Young People policies and systems are up to date and are reviewed on a regular basis.

The Trust has a policy and process in place for following up children who are not brought into outpatient appointments within any speciality to ensure their care and wellbeing is not compromised. In addition, the Trust has a system in place for flagging children who are subject to a child protection plan from the four neighbouring boroughs and are in the process of implementing the Child Protection Information System (CP-IS).

All eligible staff undertake relevant safeguarding children training and this is regularly reviewed to ensure that it is up to date. The Trust has a robust training policy in place with regard to delivering safeguarding children training.

In order to ensure the voice of the child is heard and decisions are made around the children safeguarding supervision is undertaken with key professionals.

2. Named Professionals for Safeguarding Children and Young People

The Safeguarding Children and Young People Team comprises of a Named Doctor, Named Nurse/Consultant Nurse), Named Midwife, clinical nurse specialists, safeguarding midwives and administrators. They are clear about their roles and responsibilities and receive appropriate support and training to undertake their roles.

3. Executive Director Lead for Safeguarding Children and Young People

The Director of Nursing is the Trust Executive Lead for Safeguarding Children and Young People and ensures that the Trust Board fulfils its corporate responsibility and continues to provide direction in relation to the Safeguarding of Children and Young People within ICHT.

The Deputy Director – Patient Experience chairs the ICHT Safeguarding Children and Young People's Committee which reports to the Trust Board on safeguarding children and young people. The Trust Board takes the issue of safeguarding extremely seriously and receives an annual report on Safeguarding Children issues. The minutes of all public Trust Board meetings where safeguarding children has been discussed can be found at <http://www.imperial.nhs.uk/aboutus/ourorganisation/boardmeetings/index.html>

The vision of safeguarding *"is to achieve the best possible outcomes for children and vulnerable adults through ensuring that their voices are heard, and that early intervention ensures their safety and wellbeing. This will be achieved through effective, united multi agency team working and engendering a culture where safeguarding is at the forefront of our care".*