

Safeguarding across a life course – July 2017

The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust continues to work hard to ensure that all children and young people are cared for in a safe, secure and caring environment. RMH Board takes the issue of safeguarding extremely seriously, and receives an annual report on safeguarding children issues. The last annual report gave assurance that The Trust is fulfilling its statutory duties under Section Eleven of the Children Act 2004. As a result, a number of safeguarding arrangements are in place.

These include:

The Trust meets the (NHS) statutory requirements in relation to the Disclosure and Barring Service checks (DBS). All eligible staff that work clinically, or have regular contact with patients during the course of their duties, undergoes enhanced DBS clearance prior to employment. These are repeated every three years.

The Trust Child Protection policies and systems are up to date and robust and are reviewed on an annual basis. The Trust has an Escalation of Risk Policy for when there is case disagreement between professionals. The Trust has a Safeguarding Team who lead on issues in relation to safeguarding children and Child Protection. They are clear about their roles and receive relevant support and training to undertake their duties, which include close contact with other social and health care organisations.

The professionals in these roles are as follows:

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| Community Named Nurse Safeguarding Children including specialism in VAWG | 1.0 WTE |
| Hospital Named Nurse Safeguarding Children | 0.2 WTE |
| Named Doctor Safeguarding Children | 0.1 WTE |
| Safeguarding Specialist Nurses | 4.0 WTE |
| Specialist Nurses - Looked After Children | 1.7 WTE |

The Safeguarding Team has a clear action plan, which is updated monthly. This is reported to the Trust Safeguarding Board quarterly. The Trust Board has audit Programmes, including multi-agency audits, to assure it that safeguarding systems and processes are working.

The Clinical Children's Services Director is the managerial safeguarding lead for the Trust. RMH Chief Nurse is the Executive lead for Safeguarding Children and chairs the Safeguarding Board which reports to the Executive Board on Safeguarding issues. We have a Safeguarding Children Supervision Policy, last updated November 2015.

Safeguarding supervision is provided to all clinical staff working directly with children and families in order that they are supported in their practice when working with vulnerable families.

The Trust has a robust safeguarding children mandatory training strategy. This is in line with the Inter-collegiate document for safeguarding and promoting children and young people: roles and competencies for healthcare staff – 2014. There is good compliance with safeguarding children training.

Ratified by Chief Nurse, Board Lead for Safeguarding