

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN DECLARATION

Safeguarding Children

On 16th July 2009, the Care Quality Commission published their review of “Safeguarding Children” whilst the report found general areas of good practice they also identified areas for further improvement.

NHS Foundation Trusts have been asked by Monitor, the Independent Regulator for Foundation Trusts, to publish a declaration in relation to their Trust Boards being assured that appropriate and robust child safeguarding procedures are in place.

Greater Manchester West, Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust provides locally managed integrated health and social care services for the registered population of Bolton, Salford, Trafford and the wider North West.

The Trust also provides alcohol and drug services throughout Greater Manchester, the North West and a range of specialist and secure mental health services including a mental health and deafness service, adult forensic services and adolescent mental health services. The Board of Directors is committed to ensuring that best practice is supported to ensure the welfare and safeguarding of children is paramount.

The Board of Directors has carefully considered current practice with respect to child safeguarding and can confirm the following:

1. The Trust meets the statutory requirements with regard to carrying out Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks.
2. All safeguarding policies and processes are up to date. There is a flagging system in place via the Care Programme Approach documentation and Trust Risk assessment tool to identify safeguarding concerns. Practice in relation to missed out-patient appointments is referenced in the Trust Child Safeguarding Policy.
3. Level 1 Training is mandatory for all staff. This training is provided at induction. Staff are required to undertake refresher training every three years. This training is provided via Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) approved e-learning and taught sessions. The Trust has recently reviewed its Child Safeguarding Training Plan.
4. Named professionals are clear about their role and have appropriate support to carry out their duties.

Gill Green, the Trust Director for Operations and Nursing is the Board level Lead for child safeguarding. The Board of Directors receive an annual report on all child safeguarding activities. The Trust, through the Joint Child Safeguarding Group has an agreed workplan which identifies a programme of audit throughout the year.