



CITY HEALTH CARE PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN STATEMENT OF INTENT

1 INTRODUCTION

All children have a right to protection. Some children and young people are more vulnerable to abuse and neglect due to a variety of factors impacting on their own, and/ or their parents' or carers' welfare. All staff should be aware that age, gender, cultural or religious beliefs, disabilities or social backgrounds may also impact on their ability to access help and support. When dealing with children, young people and their families, staff must give due consideration to these issues at all times.

Achieving good outcomes for children requires all those who work with responsibility for assessment and the provision of services to work together according to an agreed plan of action. Effective collaborative working requires professionals and agencies to be clear about:

- Their roles and responsibilities for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children;
- The purpose of their activity, what decisions are required at each stage of the process and what are the intended outcomes for the child and their family members;
- The legislative basis of their work;
- The protocols and procedures to be followed, including the way in which information will be shared across professional boundaries and within agencies, and what will be recorded;
- Which agency, team or professional has lead responsibility, and the precise roles of everyone else who is involved, including the way in which children and other family members will be involved;
- Any timescales set down in Regulations or Guidance, which govern the completion of assessments, making of plans and timing of reviews (DfES 2006).

2 AIMS & OBJECTIVES

City Health Care Partnership Foundation (CHCPF) is committed to preventing and reducing the risk of significant harm and abuse to children whilst supporting individuals to maintain control over their lives and make informed choices free from coercion.

3 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are accountable and responsible for ensuring that the contribution to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is discharged effectively. The trustees are also responsible for ensuring the charity is compliant with Section 11 of the Children Act 2004.

4 APPROVAL

Approval of this statement of intent will be agreed by the Board of Trustees.

5 DISSEMINATION, IMPLEMENTATION AND ACCESS

This statement will be available for members to access on the CHCP Foundation website. All new members to CHCPF will be advised of relevant policies/statements.

6 REVIEW

This statement will be reviewed every 2 years, or sooner, if relevant new legislation or national guidance is published