

Declaration of Compliance

Safeguarding Children

Boards of all Trusts are required to publish a declaration locally on their website when they are satisfied that the five key objectives for the Care Quality Commission have been met. The five key priority areas are:

- That the Trust meets the statutory requirement with regard to the carrying out of criminal record bureau (CRB) checks
- Child protection policies and systems are up to date and robust, including a system to follow-up children who miss outpatient appointments and a system for flagging children for whom there are safeguarding concerns
- All eligible staff have undertaken and are up to date with safeguarding training Level 1. In addition a review of other training arrangements should be complete within 6 months taking account of emerging messages from the national review of safeguarding training
- Named professionals are clear about their roles and there is sufficient time and support to undertake them
- There is a Board level Executive Director lead for safeguarding, the Board reviews safeguarding across the organisation at least once a year and has robust audit programmes to ensure that safeguarding systems and procedures are working.

NHS Gloucestershire has prepared two declarations as follows:

Declaration by NHS Gloucestershire Care Services

NHS Gloucestershire Care Services is assured that the following requirements are in place in line with the recommendations of the Care Quality Commission to ensure that systems and processes are in place to safeguard children and young people:

- NHS Gloucestershire Care Services meets all statutory requirements in relation to Criminal Records Bureau checks;
- NHS Gloucestershire Care Services has a child protection policy in place that meets with the requirements of Working Together to Safeguard Children;
- NHS Gloucestershire Care Services does not provide consultant led outpatient clinics.

- All eligible staff within NHS Gloucestershire Care Service have undertaken level 1 child protection training as part of a three year rolling programme;
- NHS Gloucestershire Care Services will have completed an audit of safeguarding training needs and outcomes by January 2010 and will ensure that all recommendations are delivered;
- NHS Gloucestershire Care Services has a lead safeguarding professional, named doctor, nurse and midwife in place to fulfil the requirements as detailed in Working Together to Safeguard Children;
- The Board level Executive Lead with the responsibility for safeguarding in NHS Gloucestershire Care Services is Jill Crook, Executive Director of Clinical Development;
- The Board of NHS Gloucestershire reviewed these systems and processes on 24th September 2009 and the outcome of this review was last presented to the Board on 24th September 2009. The recommendations from this review will be monitored by the Integrated Governance Committee and report to the Board annually.

Declaration by NHS Gloucestershire Commissioning

NHS Gloucestershire is committed to ensuring that we meet our responsibilities under Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 having regard to the statutory guidance entitled *Statutory Guidance on making arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children under Section 11 of the Children Act 2004*.

- The Board of NHS Gloucestershire is assured that most of the requirements are in place. Where requirements are not fully met actions to address the specific elements are already underway in line with the recommendations of the Care Quality Commission to ensure that systems and processes are in place to safeguard children and young people with the following organisations from whom we commission services:

Great Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust

Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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NHS Gloucestershire Care Services

- NHS Gloucestershire has a robust system and action plan in place with General Practitioners, and is developing robust systems with pharmacists, optometrists and dental practitioners to ensure their training in safeguarding children and young people is current and they meet all standards required in *Working Together to Safeguard Children 2006*.
- NHS Gloucestershire monitors the delivery of all safeguarding activity with these organisations through our Quality Contract Monitoring processes six monthly. This report is received by the Board of NHS Gloucestershire annually.

Completion of Declaration

Chief Executive: Jan Stubbings

Signature:

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Declaration Review date: December 2009