



Safeguarding Children Declaration 2014 as required by Care Quality Commission and Monitor

The London Ambulance Service NHS Trust is fully committed to ensuring that all patients including children are cared for in a safe, secure and caring environment. As a result a number of safeguarding children arrangements are in place.

These include:

- London Ambulance Service NHS Trust meets statutory requirements with regard to carrying out of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks- all staff that have direct or indirect contact with children, including control services staff who manage 999 calls, undergo an enhanced level of assessment.
- All the Trust's child protection policies and systems are up to date and robust. They were last reviewed and updated in August 2013 to meet the requirements of Working together to Safeguard Children (2013).
- The Board of Directors receives an annual report on safeguarding children and adults.
- The Trust have a robust system in place for reporting children for whom there are safeguarding concerns who we attend in the course of our work.
- London Ambulance Service NHS Trust has a Safeguarding Committee chaired by the Executive Director with responsibility for Safeguarding.
- The Trust undertook an Audit of its safeguarding referrals to consider their appropriateness in 2013. The Trust is undertaking an audit of Mental Health/ Children who self-harm in 2014.
- The Trust has a Training Plan in place and is currently developing a new Safeguarding Training Strategy to encompass all levels of training. Training levels are monitored by the safeguarding committee and training content reviewed annually.
- The Trust has a Named Professional for Children Alan Taylor who leads on issues in relation to safeguarding children. He is clear about the role, the Trust are currently restructuring the team to ensure there is sufficient time, support and resources to enable the role to be undertaken.
- The Trust also has a board level Executive Director Steve Lennox Director of Nursing and Quality with responsibility for safeguarding in the London Ambulance Service NHS Trust.
- The Trust as a Pan London organization has representation at Child Safeguarding Boards across London via local ambulance safeguarding leads. The Executive Director is a member of the Tri-Borough Local Safeguarding Children's Board.

Signed

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