



Safeguarding Declaration 2015

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

These include:

- The London Ambulance Service NHS Trust meets statutory requirements with regard to carrying out Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks- all staff that have direct or indirect contact with children and vulnerable adults including control services staff who manage 999 calls and 111, undergo an enhanced level of assessment. For staff employed from overseas enhanced checks are undertaken in their country of origin.
- All the Trusts child protection policies and systems are up to date and robust. They are due for review in August 2016.
- The Trusts safeguarding adults at risk policy was updated in March 2015 to include changes in the Care Act 2014.
- The Board of Directors receives an annual report of safeguarding children and adults.
- The Trust has systems in place for reporting children and adults at risk for whom there are safeguarding concerns, who we attend in the course of our work.
- The Trust has a safeguarding committee that is chaired by the Executive Director with responsibility for safeguarding.
- The Trust undertakes annual audits of our safeguarding practice and the actions are monitored through the safeguarding committee.
- Safeguarding training is provided throughout the Trust at the appropriate level. Clinical staff receive annual face to face safeguarding training, the Trust board also received specific training in June 2015. Training levels are monitored by the safeguarding committee and training content is reviewed annually.
- The Trust has a Named Professional for Children/ Adults, who leads on issues in relation to safeguarding. The Trust is in the process of restructuring Safeguarding to ensure sufficient time and resources are available to undertake the roles.
- The Trust has a board level Executive Director the Director of Nursing and Quality with responsibility for safeguarding within the Trust. The Trust has also appointed a Non- Executive Director with responsibility for overseeing Safeguarding within the Trust.
- The Trust as a Pan London organisation has representation on local safeguarding boards within London via local safeguarding representatives. The Executive Director or Head of Safeguarding attends the Tri Borough Local Safeguarding Children Board.

Signed on behalf of the Trust Safeguarding Committee

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Zoe Packman'.

Zoe Packman
Director of Nursing and Quality
Date 25 August 2015