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Safeguarding Declaration

Following the review by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) - <http://www.cqc.org.uk/guidanceforprofessionals/healthcare/nhsstaff/specialreviews/2008/09/safeguardingchildren.cfm> - all NHS Trusts were asked to publish a declaration of arrangements in relation to safeguarding.

The following sets out the London Ambulance Service position according to the policy and practice issues identified.

1. The Trust meets its statutory requirements in relation to Criminal Records Bureau checks for all staff that have contact with children, including control services staff who manage 999 calls.

2. The Trust's child protection policy is available at our website - http://www.londonambulance.nhs.uk/health_professionals/safeguarding-child_protection.aspx

Work is being undertaken to identify any issues arising from instances of where children attended as a result of a 999 call are not conveyed to hospital.

The Trust has in place a system for staff to action any safeguarding concerns. Guidance is available to all Trust staff on our intranet.

3. All eligible staff receive training in safeguarding responsibilities in accordance with the Trust's policy and practice.

4. The Trust lead for Safeguarding is Fionna Moore, Medical Director, who also chairs our Safeguarding Group who have a responsibility for strategic policy and practice.

The Trust has dedicated staff to manage the administration of safeguarding referrals placed by ambulance staff, to receive and action requests for information from safeguarding professionals and contribute to Serious Case Reviews. Local ambulance complex management representatives participate in safeguarding related meetings pan-London. Further information about our structure and practice is available at http://www.londonambulance.nhs.uk/health_professionals/safeguarding-child_protection/the_referral_process.aspx

5. The Lead for Safeguarding at Trust Board level is Fionna Moore, Medical Director, who regularly reports on safeguarding activity and issues to the Trust board. Regular audit and reporting about safeguarding activity has been put into place as part of a change management process the Trust has introduced.

6. The Trust has a specific provision in relation to safeguarding practice in its contract with other providers who undertake work on our behalf.

The Trust reports on safeguarding activity to our Primary Care Trust commissioners.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Bradley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter Bradley CBE
Chief Executive Officer