

## **Annual Safeguarding Children Declaration October 2018**

The London Ambulance Service (LAS) NHS Trust is fully committed to ensuring the safeguarding of children in their care. The Trust also has a responsibility to liaise with other agencies and provide information to them where necessary.

The Chief Quality Officer (CQO) is the executive lead for Safeguarding Children. The Safeguarding Team acts on the CQO's behalf to ensure the board is assured that necessary measures are implemented to safeguard children. This meeting is held on a quarterly basis.

The Head of Safeguarding is the Named Professional and is supported by the Safeguarding Children Specialist.

The Trusts Safeguarding Assurance Group oversees all safeguarding activity and ensures the Trust executes its statutory duty in accordance with Section 11 of the Children Act 2004.

The safeguarding team is supported by the Emergency Bed Service who forward on the referrals made by frontline practitioners.

LAS NHS Trust meets statutory requirements in relation to carrying out Disclosure and Barring Service checks for new recruits. All those working with children have an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

The Trust continues to be an active part of local Safeguarding Children Board and is a member of the Brent Board who assurance governance of safeguarding on behalf of the 32 London Boards. The Trust attendance at Rapid Response Meetings, Serious Case Reviews, and Safeguarding Adult Reviews is also ensured where LAS' input has been identified.

The Trust has a Safeguarding audit programme (FGM & CSE) to provide assurance that safeguarding systems are effective and to improve safeguarding processes.

All identified staff are required to undertake relevant safeguarding training, which is regularly reviewed. The safeguarding training figures are currently; Level 1 94.51 %, Level 2 94.5 % and Level 3 72.15 %.

The Trust continues to review and challenge its arrangements in order to support safe and consistent practice. Adherence to statutory duties and will respond positively and assertively to any changing guidance and national reviews