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Trust Statement on Safeguarding Children

This declaration follows Monitor's (the Independent Regulator of Foundation Trusts) request that as a minimum Boards should assure themselves that:

- The statutory requirement with regard to the carrying out of criminal record bureau checks is met.
- Child protection policies and systems are up to date and robust including a process for following 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 level 1 safeguarding training and a review of other training arrangements is completed within 6 months.
- Named professionals are clear about their roles and have 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 a robust audit programme to ensure that safeguarding systems and processes are working. This will need to include clear procedures for A&E departments.

A position statement has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and the Board is satisfied and assured that it can evidence that these arrangements are in place as a minimum.

The Board of Directors places continuing emphasis on its safeguarding arrangements and reviews these arrangements against a robust action plan. A bi-monthly progress report against this plan is presented to the Trust's Clinical Effectiveness Committee, a sub-committee of the Board, by the Executive Director of Children's Services (the Trust's Executive lead for Safeguarding). A Non Executive Director also takes a lead for safeguarding.

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