

East & North Hertfordshire NHS Trust

Safeguarding Children Assurance Declaration

East & North Hertfordshire NHS Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and takes its responsibilities seriously

The Trust Board confirms that, with regard to safeguarding children, it is assured that the Trust:

- meets the statutory requirements with regards to carrying out Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) checks on all new staff who work with children by ensuring that these checks form part of the Trust's standard recruitment procedures
- has ensured child protection policies and systems are up to date and robust
- has a process in place for following up children who miss outpatient appointments
- has a process in place for flagging children for whom there are safeguarding concerns
- new staff receive level 1 safeguarding training and staff subsequently receive training at different levels according to job role
- named child protection professionals are clear about their roles and keep their workload under review
- there is an Executive Director lead for safeguarding who is the Medical Director supported by the Deputy Director of Nursing
- a process for audit is in place and regular audits of procedures and paperwork is undertaken
- robust procedures are in place in the A&E departments which work within the safeguarding children framework and promote the sharing of information
- reports are presented to the board annually and as required

In light of the above, the Trust Board is assured that the Trust has made and will continue to make appropriate preparations for the safeguarding of children.