

Safeguarding Children and Young People Declaration

The seven north east London (NEL) CCGs - City and Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest, Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge – are working together as a commissioning alliance to develop an aligned approach to working with providers to ensure long-term sustainability.

NHS Waltham Forest CCG will continue to decide how most of the local NHS services are commissioned. However, where it makes sense, and is in the best interest of patients, the seven CCGs are joining up to work together. When they do this, they are known as the NHS North East London Commissioning Alliance.

CCGs remain legally accountable for the delivery of their responsibilities and the new arrangements do not change that.

The safety and welfare of children and young people is very important to the CCG.

How do we keep children and young people safe across our services?

The CCG Chairs and Accountable Officer have overall responsibility for ensuring that we have the right things in place to safeguard children and young people in line with national and local guidance.

Expert support and advice about keeping children and young people safe and well is provided by:

Senior Nurses and Doctors (Designated Professionals) and Named GPs.

We make this happen by having:

Safe recruitment processes and systems when employing staff who plan and deliver care.

Ensuring that staff have access to training that helps them to recognise and report safeguarding concerns.

Safeguarding policies and procedures to support staff to recognise and report safeguarding concerns.

Safeguarding is a priority area in all the services we commission.

We meet regularly with organisations that deliver healthcare services for children and young people. This means that we can work with the organisations to ensure they have systems in place for safeguarding children and young people.

We have joint information sharing arrangements consistent with legal requirements to ensure children and young people get the right help at the right time.

Good partnerships arrangements are in place with Local Authority, Police and other organisations involved in keeping children and young people safe.

NHS Waltham Forest CCG Safeguarding Professionals are:

Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children and Looked after children: Korkor Ceasar

Designated Dr for Safeguarding Children: Dr Christine Slozcynska

Designated Dr for Looked after children: Dr Shermina Sayani

Named GP for Safeguarding Children: Dr Sabeena Pheerunjee

The team can be contacted via: wfccg.safeguarding@nhs.net

If you are worried about a child please contact MASH between 9.00am – 5pm from Monday to Friday on 02084962310 and after hours or at weekends please call the Emergency Duty Team on 02084963000.