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Meeting: Trust Board
Date: 18 June 2008

Title: Child Protection Annual Report 2007/2008

Executive Summary: Attached is the annual report from the trust's safeguarding children team. The report reflects the increased activity supported by the team, which is also now fully established for the first time in a number of years.

An increased amount of training has been delivered for staff across all areas of the trust, with an additional focus on departments and staff who have regular contact with children. Training in the past year has been provided for groups of staff who not historically accessed it, including the interpreting service, anaesthetists, orthopaedic surgeons and imaging staff.

Good working relationships are in place with the local safeguarding boards for both Islington and Haringey, and representatives from both PCTs attend the safeguarding children meetings held quarterly at the Whittington. Work in 2008/9 will continue to build on the foundations laid in the past year.

Action: For information

Report from: Jo Carroll, Lead Nurse, Safeguarding Children

Sponsor: Deborah Wheeler, Director of Nursing & Clinical Development

Financial Validation

Not applicable

Lead: Director of Finance

Compliance with statute, directions, policy, guidance

Lead: All directors

Reference:

Working Together to safeguard children, DfES 2006; Every Child Matters, DfES 2003; Laming Report; London Child Protection Procedures, 2007

Compliance with Healthcare Commission Core/Developmental Standards

Lead: Director of Nursing & Clinical Development

Reference:

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Compliance with Auditors' Local Evaluation standards (ALE)

Lead: Director of Finance

Reference:

Evidence for self-certification under the Monitor compliance regime

Lead: All directors

Compliance framework reference: