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Meeting: Trust Board
Date: 17 December 2008

Title: Child Protection reviews (Baby P)

Executive Summary: Attached is the report from the Joint Area Review undertaken by Ofsted into the safeguarding of children in Haringey, in response to the Baby P case. The Whittington is named in the report as Baby P was treated here in December 2006.

The Whittington's internal management review, submitted as part of the serious case review investigation, was judged as "good" in the report. Even so, the opportunity has been taken to review practice at the Whittington in the light of the report's recommendations; Jo Carroll, Lead Nurse for Child Protection is drafting an action plan.

The Healthcare Commission is undertaking a review into child protection procedures within the four trusts that were involved in the care of Baby P; the terms of reference and scope of this are yet to be published. The Whittington has been asked for information about child protection policies, training and service reviews between March 2006 and September 2007. This information has been collated and was submitted to the Healthcare Commission on 5 December.

Following a request, the General Medical Council (GMC) has been sent details of the four doctors who were involved in the care of Baby P at the Whittington in December 2006, as part of a fitness to practice review they are undertaking into the case. The Whittington has no concerns about the performance of these doctors in his care.

Finally, NHS London has published their report from the safeguarding children survey that was undertaken in late 2007/early 2008. EC members will recall that the return from the Whittington was discussed at EC, before being submitted. The full report is available if required, however the attached chart shows the Whittington's performance against each of the five high level statements. Although there is always room for improvement, none of the scores give rise to cause for concern; indeed the score relating to meeting our statutory responsibilities and promoting best practice is significantly higher than the mean scores across other organisations.

Action: For information

Report from: Deborah Wheeler, Director of Nursing & Clinical Development

Financial Validation Lead: Director of Finance	Not applicable
Compliance with statute, directions, policy, guidance Lead: All directors	Reference: London Child Protection procedures Laming Report
Compliance with Healthcare Commission Core/Developmental Standards Lead: Director of Nursing & Clinical Development	Reference: C2
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: