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Meeting: Trust Board
Date: 21 January 2009

Title: **Safeguarding children reviews in Haringey**

Executive Summary: Following the publication of the Joint Area Review undertaken by Ofsted into the safeguarding of children in Haringey, in response to the Baby P case, the Whittington is working with other health organisations to agree an action plan in response to the recommendations. The Whittington is named in the report as Baby P was treated here in December 2006, following which he was placed on the child protection register.

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 investigation team visited the Whittington on Thursday 15 January and interviewed members of staff, including the Chief Executive, the Director of Nursing & Clinical Development, the named nurse for child protection, the named doctor for child protection and the named midwife for child protection. They also visited the paediatric emergency department to review practice. Their report is due to be published by the end of January.

The Healthcare Commission is also undertaking an England-wide review of all healthcare trusts in respect of safeguarding children. This will be a web-based submission of information, followed by visits to a selection of trusts for a more detailed review. Further information is awaited.

NHS London have commissioned an independent organisation to review the actions taken by trusts following the death of baby P. The Director of Nursing & Clinical Development, the named doctor for child protection and the named nurse for child protection were all interviewed as part of the review on 12 and 13 January. The report is due to be published at the end of January.

The Whittington is co-operating fully with all of the reviews that are taking place. They are, however, having a significant impact on the workload of the child protection team, who continue to carry all their existing clinical responsibilities.

Action: For information

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

Financial Validation

Not applicable

Lead: Director of Finance

<p>Compliance with statute, directions, policy, guidance</p> <p>Lead: All directors</p>	<p>Reference: London Child Protection procedures Laming Report Working Together to Protect Children (2006)</p>
<p>Compliance with Healthcare Commission Core/Developmental Standards</p> <p>Lead: Director of Nursing & Clinical Development</p>	<p>Reference: C2</p>
<p>Compliance with Auditors' Local Evaluation standards (ALE)</p> <p>Lead: Director of Finance</p>	<p>Reference:</p>
<p>Evidence for self-certification under the Monitor compliance regime</p> <p>Lead: All directors</p>	<p>Compliance framework reference:</p>