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Meeting: Trust Board
Date: 18 February 2009

Title: **Safeguarding children reviews in Haringey**

Executive Summary: The Healthcare Commission has undertaken an investigation 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.

The trust has received their draft report and has submitted comments on factual accuracy. The report is expected to be published by 13 February, and is therefore anticipated to be available to board members at the Trust Board meeting.

The Healthcare Commission are 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 trust for a more detailed review. No further information has been received since the last board meeting.

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 was due to be published at the end of January, but has not yet been received.

The Whittington is co-operating fully with all of the reviews that are taking place. They continue to have 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

Lead: Director of Finance

Not applicable

<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>