

Meeting: Trust Board
Date: 28 September 2011

Title: **Child Protection & Safeguarding Children (Whittington Hospital) and Child Protection Service Annual Report (NHS Islington and NHS Haringey) Provider Alliance**
Annual report April 2010 – March 2011

Executive Summary:

These annual reports provides an overview of the Whittington Hospital's and NHS Islington and NHS Haringey child protection and safeguarding children arrangements and key developments in the period April 2010 to March 2011. They included sections on the following areas:

- governance
- quality and Assurance
- policy
- practice.

In preparation for the formation of the new organisation, an ICO Safeguarding Children Subgroup was formed as part of the clinical governance transition workstream. The subgroup will to map existing child protection service provision in the legacy organisations and agree a work plan moving forward to the new organisation.

Great care was and will continue to be taken to ensure that during the period of transition staff remained clear about which local child protection policy and guidance is to be followed. Each organisation currently has in place an agreed child protection operational policy/guidelines; training strategy/guidelines; staff supervision policy. Work will commenced in April 2011 to create a single Whittington Health NHS Trust child protection operational policy which will incorporate guidance on training and supervision.

Until this work has been completed staff will continue to follow their existing local organisational guidance and a position statement to this effect will be widely disseminated to staff.

Priorities for 2011-2012:

- Review and amalgamated community and hospital Child Protection guidelines and develop a Whittington Health Child Protection Strategy.
- Continue to improve quality of training and the recording of training activity to provide assurance to the Whittington Health board to ensure that children can rely on staff to advocate for them.
- Review and develop existing Whittington Health Child Protection audit strategy/plan
- Provide assurances to the Whittington Health Trust board that statutory child protection requirements are being met .



Action: Information

Report from: Jo Carroll Named Nurse Child Protection (Whittington Hospital) & Sue Morgan Named Nurse Child Protection (Islington community)

Sponsor: Bronagh Scott Director of Nursing and Clinical Development (Lead Director Child Protection)

Financial Validation Lead: Director of Finance	Name of finance officer N/A
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Compliance with statute, directions, policy, guidance Lead: All directors	Reference: Children Act 1989 & 2004 Working Together to Safeguarding Children DOH 2010 National Service Framework for C&YP DfES 2004 NHSLA Standard 3 (criterion 1.3.3)
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Compliance with Care Quality Commission Standards Lead: Director of Nursing & Clinical Development	Reference: 11.7 Safeguarding people who use services from abuse 10.16 Assessing and monitoring the quality of service provision 20.21 Records 24.6 Cooperating with other providers
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Compliance with Auditors' Local Evaluation standards (ALE) Lead: Director of Finance	Reference:
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Evidence for self-certification under the Monitor compliance regime Lead: All directors	Compliance framework reference:
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