

Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is assured that the following requirements are in place in line with the recommendations of the Care Quality Commission to ensure that systems and processes are in place to safeguard children and young people:

- Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust meets all statutory requirements in relation to Criminal Records Bureau checks;
- Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has a child protection policy in place that meets with the requirements of Working Together to Safeguard Children
- Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has a process in place that meets with the standards agreed by the South West Strategic Health Authority to ensure all children who whom there is a safeguarding concern are linked to the safeguarding team. Including processes to manage children who miss outpatients appointments, with GP notification, and an electronic flagging system for all vulnerable children;
- All eligible staff within Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust have undertaken level 1 or higher mandatory child protection training. Training is electronically recorded on ESR.
- Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has reviewed safeguarding training and all emerging messages from national and local reviews are being delivered;
- Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has lead safeguarding professionals, Named Doctor, Midwife and Nurse in place to full fill the requirements as detailed in Working Together to Safeguard Children;
- The Board level Executive Lead with the responsibility for safeguarding in NHS Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is Alison Tong, Director of Nursing and Director of Operations;
- The Board of Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust reviewed these systems and processes on 22nd December 2009. All recommendations from this review are monitored by our Integrated Governance Committee on a quarterly basis and an annual direct report to Board.

Signed:



Derek Smith – Chief Executive

22nd December 2009.