

Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust - Safeguarding Children Declaration

The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust continues to work hard to ensure that all children and young people are cared for in a safe, secure and caring environment. RMH Board takes the issue of safeguarding extremely seriously, and receives an annual report on safeguarding children issues. The last annual report in 2020 gave assurance that The Trust is fulfilling its statutory duties under Section 11 of the Children Act 2004. The safeguarding arrangements that are in place include compliance with Section 11 which was reviewed in partnership with Sutton LSCB in 2020, and Trust compliance with statutory compliance was found to be high.

The Trust meets the (NHS) statutory requirements in relation to the Disclosure and Barring Service checks (DBS). All eligible staff and volunteers that work clinically or have regular contact with patients during their duties, undergo enhanced DBS clearance prior to employment. These are repeated every three years.

The Trust Child Protection policies and systems are up to date and robust and are reviewed on an annual basis. The Trust has an Escalation of Risk Policy for when there is case disagreement between professionals or agencies. The Trust has a Safeguarding Team who lead on issues in relation to Safeguarding Children and Child Protection and Domestic Violence. They are clear about their roles and receive relevant support and training to undertake their duties, which include close contact with other social and health care organisations.

The professionals in these roles are as follows:

Named Nurse Safeguarding Children	1.0 WTE
Hospital Specialist Safeguarding Nurse	1.0 WTE

The Safeguarding Team has a clear action plan, which is discussed at the Integrated Safeguarding committee. This is reported to the Trust Safeguarding Board. The Trust Safeguarding Board has Audit Programmes, including multi-agency audits, to assure it that safeguarding systems and processes are working effectively.

The Nurse Director for Safeguarding is the managerial children safeguarding lead for the Trust. RMH Chief Nurse is the Executive lead for Safeguarding Children and chairs the Trust Safeguarding Board which reports to the Executive Board on Safeguarding issues.

The Trust has a Safeguarding Children Supervision Policy, last updated 2020. Safeguarding supervision is provided for all clinical staff working directly with children and families in order that they are supported in their practice when working with vulnerable families.

The Trust has a robust safeguarding children mandatory training strategy. This is in line with the Inter-collegiate document for Safeguarding Children and Young People: Roles and Competencies for Healthcare Staff – 2019. There is good compliance with safeguarding children training.

Ratified by Chief Nurse
Executive Board Lead for Safeguarding June 2021

Next due for Review June 2022