

South West Strategic Health Authority Safeguarding Declarations

1. Background

- 1.1 On 16 July 2009 David Nicholson wrote to all Chief Executives of NHS organisations requesting that they assure themselves of basic safeguarding practice and make a declaration of their position.
- 1.2 The South West Strategic Health Authority has agreed the following statement for all NHS provider organisations and their constituent partners.

2. Declaration by Provider Organisation

- 2.1 The Board of the Royal United Hospital Bath NHS 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:
 - The Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Trust meets all statutory requirements in relation to Criminal Records Bureau checks;
 - The Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Trust has a child protection policy in place that meets with the requirements of Working Together to Safeguard Children;
 - Royal United Hospital NHS Trust has an agreed action plan with commissioners that meets with the standards agreed by the South West Strategic Health Authority to ensure all children who miss an outpatient appointment for whom there are safeguarding concerns are flagged with the safeguarding team. The expectation is that this action plan will have been implemented by the end of March 2010;
 - All eligible staff within the Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Trust have undertaken level 1 child protection training;
 - The Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Trust has undertaken an audit of safeguarding training needs and outcomes and all recommendations are being delivered;
 - The Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Trust has a lead safeguarding nursing professional, Beverley Boyd, and a lead safeguarding doctor, Dr Peter Rudd, in place to fulfil the requirements as detailed in Working Together to Safeguard Children;
 - The Board level Executive Lead with the responsibility for safeguarding in the Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Trust is Director of Nursing Francesca Thompson.

- The Board of the Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Trust reviewed these systems and processes on 8 April 2009 and the outcome of this review was last presented to the Board on 9 September 2009. All recommendations from this review are monitored by our Clinical Governance Committee and report to the Board quarterly.

3. Completion of Declaration

3.1 This declaration will be reviewed quarterly.

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www.wiltshirelscb.org/

www.bathnes.gov.uk/BathNES/healthandsocial/childrenandfamilycare/LSCB/

www.southglos.gov.uk/NR/exeres/96652bfe-d3e5-4fd3-8c08-3cb80356cd79

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James Scott
Chief Executive