

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

As a result of its meetings on the 29th July 2009 and the 30th September 2009 the Board has assured itself that:

- we meet the statutory requirement to carry out criminal records checks;
- child protection policies and systems are up to date and robust, including a process for following up children who miss outpatient appointments and a system for flagging up children for whom there are safeguarding concerns;
- all eligible staff, including Board Directors, have undertaken safeguarding training at level 1. We have also identified those staff that need training at Level 2 and 3 and monitor and record when this training has been undertaken;
- we have a named doctor, nurse and midwife with clear roles and responsibilities for safeguarding. We are keeping under review the adequacy of the time allocated for them to fulfil their responsibilities;
- the Board has designated the Director of Nursing as the lead for safeguarding;
- the Board receives an annual report on safeguarding arrangements and has robust audit programmes in place to assure compliance.