

South West Strategic Authority Safeguarding Declarations

1. Background

On 16th July 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.

The South West Strategic Health Authority has agreed the following statement for all NHS provider organisations and their constituent partners when making these declarations on your web sites, in board papers and other formal material.

2. Declaration by Provider Organisations

The Board of 2gether 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.

- 2gether NHS Foundation Trust meets all statutory requirements in relation to Criminal Records Bureau checks;
- 2gether NHS Foundation Trust has a child protection policy in place that meets with the requirements of Working Together to Safeguard Children;
- 2gether 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 miss an outpatient appointment for whom there are safeguarding concerns are flagged with the safeguarding team;
- All eligible staff with 2gether NHS Foundation Trust have undertaken level 1 child protection training;
- 2gether NHS Foundation Trust has undertaken an audit of safeguarding training needs and outcome and all recommendations are being delivered;
- 2gether NHS Foundation Trust has a lead safeguarding professional named nurse and doctor 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 2gether NHS Foundation Trust is Trish Jay, Director of Quality and Performance, Nursing, Social Care and Allied Health Professionals;
- The Board of 2gether NHS Foundation Trust reviewed these systems regularly. All recommendations from this review are monitored by our Safeguarding Committee who report to the Governance Committee who report to the Board quarterly.

3. Completion of Declaration

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Shaun Clee, Chief Executive

10th November 2011

This will be reviewed quarterly

Links to ²gether NHS Foundation Trust Safeguarding Children page and to the Local Safeguarding Board

<http://www.glospt.nhs.uk/C3/Child%20Protection/default.aspx>

<http://www.gscb.org.uk>