

THE SHREWSBURY AND TELFORD HOSPITAL NHS TRUST
TRUST BOARD – JANUARY 2011
PAEDIATRIC SAFEGUARDING - QUARTER 3 REPORT

EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBLE	Vicky Morris, Interim Director for Quality and Safety
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CORPORATE OBJECTIVE	The Trust recognises that all children have a right to be protected and that all adults have a responsibility to protect them from harm
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>This paper provides board members with an update on issues/development in relation to Safeguarding Children over the last quarter.</p> <p>The Trust has an internal safeguarding Committee that clearly links with our Internal Governance arrangements and External Safeguarding arrangements.</p> <p>With the revised Trust formal sub Committee structure in place, it is recommended that the Board consider the proposal that all safeguarding issues will be reported through the Quality and Safety committee with variances to any arrangements being reported through a quality report to the Board and via the Committee's chair report to the Board.</p>
KEY FACTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training continues to be well supported ▪ Safeguarding remains high on the agenda for the Trust ▪ Serious Case reviews in progress
RECOMMENDATION(S)	The Board is asked to NOTE the contents of this paper and APPROVE the recommendation that future reports are reported through to the Quality and Safety Committee.

Introduction

This paper provides Board members with an update on issues/development in relation to Safeguarding Children over the last quarter.

1.1 Training

- The new Working Together 2010 document and the Intercollegiate Document for Competencies in Health Care 2010 have been mapped against each other and the new training requirements are now in place. Induction has now been extended and for most staff who attend Induction this will meet the requirements for the next 3 years.
- The on-line training on Domestic Abuse will be implemented this year. Staff are encouraged to do the online NSPCC course and also the West Midlands Deanery has an online package available for medical and nursing staff.
- Child protection training is continuing and approximately 300 staff have received child protection training in the last three months. This brings the total to 61% of staff have received child protection training. (3466 staff out of 5718)

1.2 Policy / Procedures

- There have been two new policies approved by Clinical Governance Executive and they are now on the Trust Intranet. They are: Children Who Fail to Attend Appointments, and Parents Who Take Self Discharge.

1.3 Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs)

- The Trust continues to be represented on both of the LSCBs, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin, where it provides multiple services. There is representation on Training, Law and Procedures, Policy and Procedures, Training Development, Training Pool, Domestic Abuse, Accident Prevention and Suicide Prevention subgroups.
- The Trust Safeguarding Children Steering Group continues to meet with all the senior staff involved in or with a role in safeguarding children. This allows for a more co-ordinated approach to the area and for better information sharing.

1.4 Safeguarding Children Steering Group

The Safeguarding Children Group continues to meet quarterly and has standing items on the agenda for:

- Training
- Serious Case Reviews
- Audit

1.5 Serious Case Review

There has been a Serious Case Review (SCR) on a boy who sustained long term brain injuries possibly as the result of probable harm by his mother. This SCR was recently graded as Inadequate by Ofsted, and Telford & Wrekin SCB are now challenging the outcome.

The Trust has also been requested to undertake an Internal Management Review on a young girl who is thought to have committed suicide over the Christmas period, whose older sister also did the same two years previously. This young girl had 9 attendances to the Trusts' Emergency Department during 2010 and we will need to fully understand the extent to which we could have improved interagency communication and referrals to support teams within the community.

1.6 Audit

The Annual Self Assessment Audit has recently been completed, results are expected shortly and will be shared with the Quality and safety Committee.

1.7 Peer Review

Telford and Wrekin Council are undergoing a Peer Review January – March 2011. There will be Senior Managers within the Trust who are expected to complete a questionnaire or be interviewed, and the on site visit is planned for the week beginning 14th March. The Peer Review Group will visit the Emergency Department at Princess Royal Hospital.

1.8 Health Safeguarding Governance Group

Despite the proposed changes within the two Primary Care Trusts, this group will continue to meet. It is a pan Shropshire, multiagency group that meets to share information and discuss matters regarding safeguarding children.

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