

**Item Number: 11**

**Name of Presenter: Michelle Carrington**

**Meeting of the Governing Body**

**6 August 2015**



**Vale of York**

**Clinical Commissioning Group**

**Safeguarding Children Policy**

**Purpose of Report**

For Information

**1. Rationale**

The Children Acts of 1989 and 2004 and the associated statutory guidance, 'Working Together to Safeguard Children', (HM Government, 2015) and 'Promoting the Health and Well-being of Looked After Children' (DH, 2015) set out the principles for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

This policy outlines how, as a commissioning organisation, NHS Vale of York CCG will fulfil its legal duties and statutory responsibilities effectively both within the CCG and also across the local health economy via commissioning arrangements. This is in accordance with agreed multi-agency safeguarding children procedures of City of York Safeguarding Children Board (CYSCB) and North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board (NYSCB).

**2. Strategic Initiative**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Integration of care                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned care                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Person centred care                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Transforming MH and LD services              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Primary care reform                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children and maternity            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urgent care reform                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer, palliative care and end of life care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Effective and Efficient Organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> System resilience                            |

**3. Local Authority Area**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CCG Footprint | <input type="checkbox"/> East Riding of Yorkshire Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of York Council     | <input type="checkbox"/> North Yorkshire County Council   |

**4. Actions / Recommendations**

The Governing Body is asked to note the Safeguarding Children Policy.

**5. Engagement with groups or committees**

Approved by Senior Management Team Meeting (21 July 2015)

Once approved the Policy will be shared with York and North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Boards

**6. Impact on Primary Care**

Nil: This policy is for CCG staff

**7. Significant issues for consideration**

This revision of the CCG Safeguarding Children Policy ensures that it is compliant with latest statutory guidance (Working Together 2015), and national guidance re training/competencies (Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Intercollegiate Guidance 2014).

It is more explicit in respect of the roles and responsibilities of individuals and more accurately reflects the local NHS architecture.

The policy also clarifies expectations in terms of Safeguarding Children Standards for CCG Commissioned Services (appendix 1).

A robust policy will strengthen those processes through which the CCG responds to known or suspected child abuse or neglect, and clarifies expected safeguarding children standards for commissioned services.

#### **8. Implementation**

The Policy needs to be accessible to all CCG staff in electronic format.

#### **9. Monitoring**

The impact of ensuring Safeguarding Children Local Quality Requirements ( Appendix 1) are integral to provider contracts and will be monitored via respective contract monitoring processes.

#### **10. Responsible Chief Officer and Title**

Michelle Carrington, Chief Nurse

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#### **12. Annexes**

Safeguarding Children Policy – Provided for members and available at  
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