

## **Safeguarding Children and Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust (LGT)**

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility and all health organisations have a duty under the Children Act 2004 to make arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. National guidance highlights the need to improve outcomes for all children.

### **Who are the Safeguarding Children team?**

The team is a multidisciplinary team made up of:

Named Doctors

Named Nurses for Safeguarding

Named Nurse and Designated Doctor for Looked After Children

Medical Advisor for Adoption and Fostering

Named Midwives

Safeguarding Advisors and Administrators

The team work closely with the Designated Doctor and Nurse for Safeguarding and Looked After Children and Designated Doctor for Child Death in each of the local boroughs.

### **What does the team Do?**

The team covers a range of activities across the Trust to support staff to meet their safeguarding children responsibilities. We:

- Provide regular supervision/support/ advice on safeguarding children issues to ensure early help and prevention of abuse.
- Provide safeguarding training to all staff.
- Provide reflective learning forums for staff.
- Provide medical assessments for children when suspected abuse has occurred.
- Work with multiagency partners to promote the welfare of children and ensure timely information sharing and risk assessment occurs.

Represent LGT at local Safeguarding Children Board (SCB) meetings and task groups.

Provide assurance to the Trust Board, Commissioners/ SCBs about Safeguarding activity within LGT.

Contribute to Serious Case Reviews or multiagency reviews.

Work in partnerships with Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) and SCBs.

Provide a safeguarding information review service across both acute hospital sites to act as an information sharing link between hospital and community staff.

Provide a Looked After Children service including medical and health reports.

Support for staff in writing reports for court/legal requests.

**Where is the team based?**

University Hospital Lewisham, Lewisham High Street, Lewisham, SE13 6LH

Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Stadium Road, Woolwich, SE18 4QH

**How can you contact the team?**

You can call the Safeguarding Children Advice Line (SCAL) on

07867 843532 between Monday to Friday 9 am – 5pm

Safeguarding Advice out of hours can be sought from Hospital Paediatricians by contacting switch board on

UHL 0203 300 3000 or QE 0208 836 6000