

MANAGEMENT

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Executive Introduction

This policy reflects the standards set in the Cheshire Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) manual of procedures.

As a statutory partner of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB), the Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust recognises that it has a clear responsibility to identify and respond to issues of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children. Every adult has a responsibility to protect children and as employees of the Trust we are duty bound always to act in the best interests of a child about whom we may have concerns.

This organisation is governed by legislation to discharge its safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children responsibilities effectively and as such must adhere to the 1989 and 2004 Children Act, Working Together to Safeguard Children DCSF 2013, and the Cheshire West and Chester LSCB Manual of Procedures for Safeguarding Children in Cheshire 2013. For Flintshire children the All Wales Child Protection Procedures should be followed.

Please see the CoCH Safeguarding Children Professional Structure and Safeguarding Children Reporting mechanisms in **Appendix 1**

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Due to the frequent use and for easier reading throughout this policy please note:

The following 2 terms will be abbreviated to:

Local Safeguarding Children Board (**LSCB**)

Children’s Social Care (**CSC**)