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The RCN fully supports members in raising concerns regarding the care of children and young people, and the protection of their rights as individuals. If you feel compromised – for example, if training provided by your employing organisation is inadequate and you are not getting the help you need – contact RCN Direct on 0345 772 6100.

Managing allegations

This publication should be read in conjunction with the RCN guidance *Protection of nurses working with children and young people* (2013). You have a duty to act if you have concerns about the behaviour of a colleague or student. You should report them according to local child protection committee/local safeguarding children board, trust or university policies whilst bearing in mind your responsibilities to inform the authorities of any breach in criminal law. In England there will be a local authority designated officer (LADO) who your organisation should inform and work with.



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