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| Title of paper: | Safeguarding Children and Young People – Surrey Downs CCG Policy - updated | | |
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| Exec Lead: | Karen Parsons, Chief Operating Officer | | |
| Date: | 10 th July 2015 | | |
| Meeting: | Governing Body | | |
| Agenda item: | 9 | Attachment: | 6 |
| For: | Agreement | | |
| Executive Summary: | | | |
| <p>The policy has been updated to take account of updated national guidance and sets out what is required to ensure that CCG staff and service providers comply.</p> <p>A summary of the changes are listed overleaf. They were noted by the Quality Committee at its meeting on 2nd June 2015.</p> <p>The full policy is available to view on request and the updated version will be displayed on the CCG website once approved by the Governing Body.</p> | | | |
| Compliance section | | | |
| Please identify any significant issues relating to the following | | | |
| Risk Register and Assurance Framework | This policy sets out the arrangements in place to ensure that the CCG discharges its responsibilities around safeguarding Children and supports the mitigation of Risk by strengthening and embedding understanding of roles and responsibilities. The changes strengthen assurance. | | |



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| Patient and Public Engagement | No change Surrey Downs CCG is a member of the Surrey Safeguarding Children's Board Health Sub-group and other related committees whose membership includes those such as voluntary sector organisations. |
| Patient Safety & Quality | Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) have particular responsibilities to safeguard those who may be unable to protect themselves from abuse or neglect. This policy sets out how Surrey Downs CCG meets those requirements. |
| Financial implications | Nil impact |
| Conflicts of interest | Nil impact |
| Information Governance | Nil impact |
| Equality and Diversity | Surrey Downs CCG is committed to all processes that safeguard children and families and promote their welfare and aims to commission services that will ensure equal access to all |
| Any other legal or compliance issues | None |
| Accompanying papers (please list): | |
| Summary: The Governing Body is asked to approve the amendments to the policy. | |



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