

## **Safeguarding Children Public Declaration**

Bradford District Care Trust is taking the following steps to ensure that processes are in place to safeguard children.

### **Criminal Record Bureau Checks**

Criminal Record Bureau Checks are used by Bradford District Care Trust to assess the suitability of applicants. All our staff who work with children are subject to this checking process.

### **Child Protection Policies and Systems**

Bradford District Care Trust's safeguarding children policy and procedures are recently updated (August 2009). Staff have access to this information through the Trust Intranet. Members of staff are encouraged to read and use the policy in conjunction with the multiagency guidance of the local safeguarding children boards. The policy and procedure will be updated regularly.

All members of staff are able to access support and advice from the Named Nurse and Named Doctor based within Bradford District Care Trust during office hours. In addition staff can also contact the Safeguarding Team at the PCT. The safeguarding and reviewing unit at the Local Authority is also able to offer support and advice to BDCT staff. Staff can access this service 24 hours a day.

### **Safeguarding Children Training**

Bradford District Care Trust has a comprehensive plan of training to ensure that staff receive the appropriate level of training required for their role. This is based on the guidance contained within the Intercollegiate document (2006). The training plan makes reference to training delivered as part of the central induction process for new employees right through to staff who require more in depth training as they are working with families and children.

### **Named Nurse and Named Doctor**

Bradford District Care Trust has both a Named Nurse and Named Doctor for safeguarding children currently in post. The Named Nurse has a job description and the Named Doctor has a job plan that has been agreed and will be reviewed regularly.

### **Trust Board Assurance**

Bradford District Care Trust has a board level executive director who has the lead for safeguarding children and who also is a member of the Bradford Safeguarding Children Board. Safeguarding arrangements and developments within the Trust are discussed and reviewed regularly. A new safeguarding children audit strategy has also been developed to ensure that safeguarding systems and processes are functioning effectively.