Dear Trainee

RE: SAFEGUARDING FOR CHILDREN

Under the GMCs ‘Good Medical Practice’ it is required that all NHS staff undertaking clinical work need to be competent and able to demonstrate the appropriate level of Safeguarding for their role.

All clinical staff working with children, young people and/or their parents or carers as described in the intercollegiate document March 2014 are required to hold the Level 3 Safeguarding certificate:


Therefore all trainees will be expected to have at least Level 2, Safeguarding Children and Young People certification to work in a Hospital Post, and if the role is more specialist involving Paediatrics, they should already hold the Level 3 Safeguarding certificate.

Under ‘Good Medical Practice’ it is expected that all GPs have the appropriate level of Safeguarding training for revalidation. When a trainee is awarded their CCT they are also revalidated and therefore it is a requirement for CCT that a GP trainee can demonstrate ‘GMP’ and thus level 3 safeguarding at this point. At your final ARCP we expect to see at least one reflective log (course/certificate) on Safeguarding that should contain evidence of meeting the requirements of level 3. If you have a certificate then this should be attached to the learning log. Failure to produce this evidence at the final ARCP will result in an Outcome 5 until such time as a completed satisfactory evidence or certificate of Level 3 Safeguarding has been completed.
One of the conditions required by the Area Team when applying post CCT for full entry to the National Performers List will be evidence of Safeguarding training to Level 3.

Most patch Day Release courses will include the appropriate level of training but also please see the following link to the e-learning for Healthcare website which will allow you to complete

Level 2 and Level 3 courses:  http://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/safeguarding-children/

Useful web site
http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/improving-child-health/child-protection/child-protection

All the very best.

Yours sincerely

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On-Line courses