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## **New e-Learning for Safeguarding Children and Young People launched to help protect children and young people from harm**

This new e-learning resource, *Safeguarding Children and Young People*, is now available and is free to health and social care professionals.

Developed by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) in partnership with e-Learning for Healthcare (e-LfH), the e-learning will help health and social care professionals to meet the statutory training requirements of Section 11 of the Children Act and ensure they are up to date with the issues surrounding Child Protection.

This timely launch follows the July 2009 Care Quality Commission's (CQC) review of arrangements within NHS trusts for safeguarding children. The review revealed significant gaps in the uptake and monitoring of training relating to safeguarding children and young people.

The e-learning is available in four easy to use sessions of each taking around 20-30 minutes to complete.

### **Level 1 - Introduction to Safeguarding Children and Young People:**

A single session that covers the knowledge and competences required for Level 1 Safeguarding. This includes recognition of the four categories of child abuse and the appropriate actions healthcare staff need to take if they are concerned a child is being abused or neglected.

### **Level 2 – Recognition, Response and Record:**

Three sessions that cover the knowledge and competences required for Level 2 Safeguarding. The learning will include recognising child and young person abuse, being able to document cause for concern, knowing who to inform and understanding the next steps in the child and young person protection process.

Julia Moore OBE, National Director at e-LfH said:

*"The Safeguarding Children and Young People e-learning will have a significant impact on the current training and education provision and make a positive contribution to the prevention of child abuse, physical, mental and sexual, as well as reducing the prevalence of neglect, as incorporated in the modern child safeguarding agenda."*

Safeguarding Children and Young People is available through the National LMS and e-LfH. For more information on the e-learning and details of how to register visit

<http://www.e-lfh.org.uk/projects/safeguarding/index.html>