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Date: 3 September 2009

Dear Mr Hoppe

Re. Safeguarding

Following Edward Lavelle's letter dated 24 August 2009 and earlier correspondence from Monitor after publication of the Care Quality Commission's (CQC) report into the findings of their review of arrangements in the NHS for safeguarding children, the Trust has reviewed its safeguarding arrangements. I can confirm that;

- 1) UHSM meets the statutory requirement with regard to the carrying out of Criminal Records Bureau checks
- 2) Child protection policies and systems are up to date and robust, including a process for following up children who miss outpatient appointments and a system for flagging children for whom there are safeguarding concerns.
- 3) All eligible staff have undertaken and are up to date with safeguarding training at level 1. In addition, a review of other training arrangements will be completed within 6 months, taking account of emerging messages from the national review of safeguarding training.
- 4) Designated and/or named professionals are clear about their roles and have sufficient time and support to undertake them.
- 5) There is a Board level Executive Director lead for safeguarding ensuring the Board reviews safeguarding across the organisation at least once a year and has robust audit programmes to assure it that safeguarding systems and processes are working. This will need to include clear procedures for A&E departments.

I can also confirm that a statement to this effect was placed on the Trust's website on 3 September 2009.

Yours sincerely



**Julian Hartley
Chief Executive**