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Dear Colleague

Regional ACPC Policy and Procedures

As you are aware a commitment was given to review the Policy and Procedure post implementation. This resulted in recipients of the Policy and Procedures being requested to submit written comments for consideration and a multidisciplinary/ interagency working group has been meeting to review these responses. As a result the attached amendments/ additions should be printed off and appended to your existing Regional ACPC Policy and Procedures and should be used with effect from the **1st December 2008**

The amendments/ additions relate to the following:

Chapter 1

Introduction of the UNOCINI (Understanding The Needs Of Children In Northern Ireland) assessment framework.

Chapter 3

- Board Designated Nurse for Child Protection and Trust Named Nurse for Child Protection.
- Role of Hospital Social Worker
- Independent Counsellors/ Therapists
- Reference to adherence to Mental Health/Childcare Protocol.

Chapter 5
Anonymous Referrals

Chapter 6
Personnel who may be invited to Child Protection Conferences.

Chapter 8
Medical assessment

Chapter 9
Paragraphs 9.34 – 9.47
Children who sexually abuse other or display sexually harmful behaviour.

Appendix 1
Additions to Relevant Publications and Bibliography

Appendix 3
Additions to contact addresses

Appendix 4
Appeals process

Protecting sexually active children from abuse

A protocol for staff working in this area, a risk assessment tool and referral flow chart have been developed. Work is also progressing to develop an information leaflet for children and this will be made available to relevant professionals in due course.

Intimate Care Policy and Guidelines (to be read in conjunction with paragraphs 9.26 – 9.31)

An Intimate Care Policy and Guidelines have been developed to afford additional safeguards for vulnerable children and to assist staff working with these children. To allow for awareness raising in respect of this Policy it will come into effect from the 1st February 2009.

The amendments to the Policy and Procedures are being provided in electronic form and you are asked to insert into the relevant sections. This is in recognition of the fact that additional guidance and procedures will be required with the introduction of the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland.

It is also acknowledged that some changes will occur with the enactment of aspects of the Sexual Offences (NI) Order 2008 and these will be communicated in the New Year.

We would wish to acknowledge and thank those staff who have been involved in this update and have completed the task in the most professional manner; a list of names is attached for your information.

You are asked to ensure widespread dissemination of these amendments/ additions across your organisation.

Yours sincerely



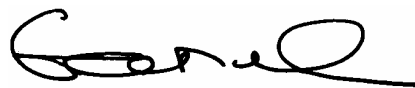
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