



# SHIRLEY CHILDREN’S CENTRE SUMMARY OF THE CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING POLICY

## STATEMENT FOR PARENTS & CARERS

It is everyone’s responsibility to ensure children are safe. Your child’s well being is the most important thing to you and to us at the centre. Children’s centres are required by law to have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy. The policy says what we will do, at Shirley Children’s Centre, if we think a child using our services is suffering either emotional, physical or sexual abuse or neglect. It also explains our procedures for using cameras, mobile phones and the internet at the centre.

We have a responsibility to the children, parents/carers and staff to act quickly and responsibly if anything comes to our attention. If you have any concerns for a child please speak to the Centre Manager at any time.

We have to report any concerns around abuse to Children’s Social Care, whether this is against staff, volunteers, carers or the general public. The Children Act 1989 says Children’s Social Care have to investigate this. Information will be communicated securely and confidentially and only to those who need to know.

Shirley Children’s Centre will tell OfSTED if Social Services are looking into a child protection matter at the centre involving a staff member. The Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) is responsible for investigating any allegation regarding a staff member or volunteer.

**The person responsible for Child Protection at the Children’s Centre is Eyullahemaye Henry-Miller – Centre Manager. All queries and concerns should be addressed to her.**

Shirley Children’s Centre’s Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy is available for anyone to look at. It is in the folder of policies kept in the children’s centre reception and also on the website at [www.shirleychildrenscentre.org.uk](http://www.shirleychildrenscentre.org.uk) You can also ask the manager for a copy.

## PARENT/CARER CONSENT FORM

I,.....(parent/guardian/main carer) of

.....(child), have read and fully understand the above statement relating to Child Protection issues and know how to access the full Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy. I am aware that Shirley Children’s Centre can make a report to Children’s Social Care if they need to. I understand that this report will remain confidential at all times.

Signature.....Date.....