

1. Introduction

1.1 Following admission into hospital of children and young people there may be circumstances where Social Care deems it necessary for relatives and friends to be supervised in their contact with patients of UHL, over and above the minimum levels of supervision set by health in the monitoring of the child's illness.

1.2 Supervision within the hospital setting is considered as the act of providing continual observation of interactions between the 'subjects' (parents/carers) to safeguard the child. **At no point during supervision must the 'subjects' be left unsupervised.**

1.3 This guideline applies to all clinical areas within UHL

2. Scope

This procedure applies to all staff working in University Hospital of Leicester (UHL)

3. Recommendations, Standards and Procedural Statements

3.1 Where Children's Social Care assess that supervision is necessary, it is vital that they advise the clinical staff of the names of the person(s) who are to provide the supervision.

**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST UHL STAFF BE PROVIDING
SAFEGUARDING SUPERVISION**

This includes clinical areas where a child is nursed at a minimum one to one level.

It is Social care's responsibility to provide suitable contact supervision

**Placing a child in an open area in the clinical setting or near the nurses' station
does not constitute supervision.**

3.1 When children and young people are admitted to UHL and undergoing child protection medical investigations. Supervision arrangements should be considered by Children's Social Care; if the decision is that supervision is required and there are no suitable extended family members or friends, then Children's Social Care should consider any available resources (i.e. agency care) to support contact and supervision arrangements between parents and caregivers with their children.

3.2 This may include specific family members, foster carers or members of Social Care. This information must be recorded in the child's medical notes and be shared with the core team caring for the child. Photographic identification must be used to confirm the identity of those presenting to provide supervision, and documented within the parenting logs.

3.3 Monitoring by hospital staff is considered as the act of providing an overview of interactions between subjects over a set time period. This may include completing a parenting log of care carried out during the period of monitoring.

If you have any queries or concerns about this, please contact the UHL Safeguarding Children Team on x15770

4. Education and Training

Training on this guidance is provided on the Safeguarding Children mandatory training modules within UHL.

5. Monitoring and Audit Criteria

Key Performance Indicator	Method of Assessment	Frequency	Lead
Correct use of guideline	Case review	Case by case basis	M Kelly

7. Supporting Documents and Key References

University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust [Safeguarding Children Policy](#)

8. Key Words

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