

## **Child Protection Policy**

Thornhill Dental Surgery is committed to protect children from harm. The staff of Thornhill Dental Surgery are aware of their responsibility to protect children from harm and to take appropriate action if they have concerns about the welfare of a child.

These responsibilities are implemented within the practice by ensuring that:

- new staff are only recruited following a successful Criminal Records Bureau disclosure that includes verifying that the staff member does not pose a risk to children;
- all staff are trained in the issues surrounding child protection, and that this training is regularly reviewed and updated if necessary;
- all staff are aware of and given access to clear guidelines to be followed if they have concerns about the welfare of a child;
- information about concerns is shared with agencies who need to know, and children and parents are involved as appropriate.

This policy and other procedures relating to child protection are reviewed at regular intervals.