



# Maple Medical PRU *Young Parents' Centre*



## RISK ASSESSMENT

The Early Years Foundations Stage (EYFS) is the framework that provides the assurance that when the parents/ carers choose to use early years services, that the provision will keep their child safe and help them to thrive.

At Young Parents Centre the safety and security of the babies in our care is of paramount concern to us.

The Nursery has a legal duty to carry out systematic examination of:

- Premises
- Equipment
- Activities

At risk within the setting is determined as a hazard that may cause harm or be detrimental to the health or well being of anyone entering or accessing the setting.

Our risk assessment process includes:

- Checking for hazards and risks indoors and outside, and in our activities and equipment and our procedures.

Our assessment covers adults and children:

- Deciding which areas need attention; and improvement
- Developing an action plan which specifies the action required the timescales for action, the person responsible for the action and any funding required.
- Risk assessments are to be carried out on a regular basis – at least annually.
  - Risk assessment forms are kept in the nursery and each staff member is responsible for carrying out risk assessments for the resources, equipment and the room and outdoors.
  - In addition to the risk assessment forms, daily checklists will be carried out for the outdoor areas, food areas and changing areas.

The risk assessment will cover anything which the child may come into contact with, as stated in the Early Years Foundation Stage – Statutory Guidance.

The Health and Safety Officer is: -Kath Formby

The nursery environment will be checked regularly by nursery staff and the caretaker and the designated Health and Safety Officer will maintain a record of these checks, this will include when and by whom they have been checked. The Health and Safety officer will determine the regularity of these checks according to the assessment of the significance of individual risks. There is also an annual health and safety check of the whole building conducted by the Head and the Management Committee

member with a responsibility for Health and Safety. There is also a Local Authority inspection which is conducted every two years. The last one was 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

We maintain lists of Health and Safety issues, which are checked on a regular basis.

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**Date of Review**                    March 2019

**Signed**

**Nursery Manager**.....

**Chair of Management Committee**.....