

Safeguarding

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Equality and Health Inequalities Statement

Promoting equality and addressing health inequalities are at the heart of NHS England's values. Throughout the development of the policies and processes cited in this document, we have:

- Given due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity, and to foster good relations between people who share a relevant protected characteristic (as cited under the Equality Act 2010) and those who do not share it; and
- Given regard to the need to reduce inequalities between patients in access to, and outcomes from healthcare services and to ensure services are provided in an integrated way where this might reduce health inequalities

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Foreword

This year, we mark and celebrate the 70th anniversary of a great British institution: the National Health Service (NHS). The NHS remains one of the most admired achievements of the post-war world, held in the highest regard both at home and abroad. Since its start in 1948, the NHS has had one simple premise at its heart – that care should be based on need, and free at the point of delivery. That principle has proved not only popular and easy to grasp, but also effective and resilient.

What about Safeguarding? Sometimes this seems harder to define and explain. For me and my NHS colleagues Safeguarding means protecting people's health, wellbeing and human rights, and enabling them to live free from harm, abuse and neglect. That's the principle we apply, and it is also effective and resilient.

Recently events have shown us that the definition may be straightforward but issues surrounding safeguarding are challenging and complex. In 2017, we witnessed a number of terror attacks, in the UK and across the world. My home city of Manchester was devastated by the Manchester Arena bombing. I will never forget watching on the news the children and young people, dazed and terrified, being escorted from the scene by the emergency services. We will never forget the young lives taken so tragically early, when all they wanted was to enjoy a night out at a concert with family and friends.

London too saw a number of attacks, designed to maim, spread fear and cause division across communities. But who can forget the images that later appeared of the perpetrators receiving first aid and protection from the very people they intended to harm only moments before?

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those emergency personnel who showed the upmost professionalism and bravery in extreme circumstances. Their actions cannot be commended enough.

Also in 2017 we heard about cases of historical abuses in sport. After decades of torment, survivors of sexual abuse told their horrifying stories, and exposed the deceit of their abusers and the failures of the systems and institutions designed to protect them. At the end of the year, social media helped to illuminate sexual exploitation in the entertainment industry, with the viral #MeToo campaign. This revealed many women's stories, and some men's stories, about sexual harassment and abuse in the workplace.

Protecting those at risk requires constant vigilance and a willingness for us all to act whenever and wherever we suspect abuse, exploitation or neglect. Safeguarding is everyone's business.

As we celebrate the anniversary of the NHS it is only right that we also celebrate the achievements of safeguarding. This report sets out our achievements for the year. But we must always look at what can be improved. We must always strive to enhance the ways we protect, support and improve the lives of the most vulnerable people in our society. We must always be thinking about the challenges that lie ahead.

2018 will be a significant year for us all involved in safeguarding, particularly for those involved in child protection. The multi-agency reforms in response to The Children and Social Work Act 2017 will see some of the biggest changes to child safeguarding seen in the last 40 years. Throughout the reforms, it is imperative that the voice of health is heard.

NHS England remains committed to working with our partners to ensure that the interests of the vulnerable are always put first and that health organisations meet their legislative obligations.

In this spirit, we encourage child safeguarding professionals and organisations to become involved in the conversation by using the hashtag #VoiceOfHealth as the NHS England Safeguarding Team share advice and support in how to continue to protect vulnerable children in wake of the reforms.

Further information on The Children and Social Work Act 2017 is available later in this document.

NHS England continues to be dedicated to raising awareness of the risks, identifying and intervening to help victims, and ensuring that we consistently and conscientiously apply the principles and duties of safeguarding. Above all, I and my colleagues are committed to listening to the voices of vulnerable people, and acting fully upon what we hear.

Hilary Garratt CBE

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Deputy Chief Nursing Officer for England*



Introduction

This report identifies the progress and accomplishments made within safeguarding, across the health sector, since the last update in March 2017 and provides details regarding the key safeguarding priorities for the year ahead.

This report explains the structure of NHS England Safeguarding Central and Regional Teams, and how they work in partnership with a range of national, regional and local agencies to influence positive change and support the most vulnerable in society. This explanation includes the role of the NHS England National Steering Safeguarding Group (NSSG).

The four NHS England Regional Safeguarding Teams, assure that safeguarding policies are enacted at a local level and provide individual updates on their key achievements.

As reforms come into place in 2018, in response to The Child and Social Work Act 2017, Dr Peter Green indicates the role of the Designated Healthcare Professional and how they are an invaluable source of advice and support for health organisations in meeting their new legal obligations.

As the safeguarding agenda is continuously developing, in both its complexity and scope, our priorities must also evolve. With this in mind, our key safeguarding priorities for 2018/19 are shared at the end of this document.

NHS England Safeguarding Teams hope you find this document informative in how NHS England works to protect vulnerable children, young people and adults.



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NHS England Central Safeguarding Team

NHS England central team has had a productive year.

Key achievements:

- delivered Level 2 safeguarding to the central Customer Contact Centre teams in Tier 1 and 2 and across the regional complaints teams. This training has supported the quality of service delivered within the Customer Contact Centre. The Central Safeguarding Team work closely with the Customer Contact Centre managers to support the development of policy and procedures to manage safeguarding concerns
- produced a new NHS England Intranet page to support NHS England staff in managing safeguarding concerns
- published the Safeguarding: NHS England Safeguarding Patient and Public Participation policy to support staff when working with the public in engagement work
- delivered the 4th National Safeguarding Conference, which was a great success and well evaluated
- collaborated with Health Education England's (HEE) to review their safeguarding e-learning training packages for both adults and children
- implemented the Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) programme to ensure that commissioning standards and mandatory reporting are being embedded across the health economy
- collaborated with the Law Commission and Department of Health on the review of the Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards
- collaborated with the Office of the Public Guardian to undertake a survey of NHS staff regarding their knowledge of capacity concerns and the role of a lasting power of attorney in supporting a person to access healthcare
- collaborated with Public Health England to support the publication of safeguarding guidance to Health Visitors and School Nurses
- commissioned the Royal Collage of Nursing to create the first Intercollegiate guidance for safeguarding adults
- commissioned the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health to review and update the Intercollegiate guidance for safeguarding children
- collaborated with Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARC) commissioning to supported the development of a standard commissioning framework across England

- commissioned a scope of Domestic Abuse knowledge, training and provision from across NHS services. Working in collaboration with the Home Office and Ministry of Justice on the consultation of the draft Domestic Abuse Bill
- collaborated with Home Office and Health Education England to production of an e-learning package for Prevent
- funded the National Mental Capacity Conference in London
- commissioned two training courses regarding the legal implications of safeguarding; Executive Leadership and Clinical Leadership, attended by 247 and 408 delegates respectively
- collaborated with the Department for Education (DfE) as they review the children and young people safeguarding arrangements in response to the Children and Social Work Act 2017 (further information about this work is discussed later in this document)
- supported the work of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) as they have undertaken the Truth Project across England

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Prevent

Prevent remains a key safeguarding priority for NHS England. Recent terror attacks in England and in Europe have reminded us all that attacks can occur at any time or place without warning.

The Prevent Duty sits alongside long established duties to work with local authorities (LA), police and other partners to safeguard children, young people and adults against harm or exploitation.

To support and drive improvement with the NHS delivery of the Prevent Duty, and to ensure that we meet the requirements of the NHS standard contract, a National Task and Finish Group has been developed. Chaired by Hilary Garratt CBE, the Group oversees and drives improvement, ensuring that compliance is achieved. There is also an emphasis on ensuring that NHS provider organisations can demonstrate at least 85% compliance with staff attendance at Prevent training.

Key achievements:

- supported delivery with local authority, police and Counter Terrorism Police and development of Prevent training. Currently 86% of NHS staff have received basic Prevent training, with 66% of NHS staff having received level 3 Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP) training
- published the Prevent Training and Competencies Framework
- since August 2017 over 700 staff have been trained and accredited to deliver the approved Home Office training product
- produced a range of training packages in partnership with Health Education England and the Home Office to include an online Prevent e-learning package, to support flexibility in access to training for staff across the health sector. Since its launch in October 2017, the Prevent e-learning package for mental health practitioners has been completed over 22,000 times
- trained 15 university staff in Wolverhampton as facilitators of WRAP training, with a plan to include safeguarding training for more than 500 healthcare students
- developed a standard data set for Prevent. This data is collected from all NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts across England, the data is being used to inform our discussions with commissioners and providers
- developed guidance with the Home Office supporting mental health services in responding to risks of radicalisation. It sets out expectations for the involvement of services in multiagency processes, as well as the response required in cases where individuals with a mental health condition are considered at risk from radicalisation

- collaborated with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) to train their Children's Inspection Team around Prevent, including Level 3 WRAP. Information about Prevent has been included in all CQC Inspector packs

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Domestic Violence/Abuse (DV/A)

NHS England Safeguarding Teams, both centrally and nationally, have been working with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), Home Office, Ministry of Justice and other arms-length bodies (ALBs) to ensure that domestic violence/abuse is an integral part of safeguarding work across England.

Key achievements:

- commissioned a review of health services and their work around DV/A. This review was completed by NHS England London Region and the findings presented to the NSSG and Regional Leads forum. Recommendations from the report have been agreed as actions for 2018/19
- supported the creation of the new Domestic Violence Bill 2018, working closely with the Department of Health, Home Office and Ministry of Justice.
- continued to work in partnership with the Intercollegiate and Agency National Domestic Violence & Abuse (INCADVA) forum. This forum was created with agreement between NICE and the Royal Colleges. The focus of the group is to support the Domestic Violence Draft Bill and to develop a consistent focus on domestic abuse across the Royal Colleges and their partner organisations

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

The FGM Prevention Programme is a tripartite programme of work between NHS England, NHS Digital and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).

Key achievements:

- presented FGM work at National World Health Organisation (WHO) and European Union (EU) conferences
- hosted the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) meeting: 11 Senior United States Government Officials to share how the Health Service and the Met Police cooperatively support the prevention programme for FGM.
- collaboration with the Department of Health FGM Prevention Team to raise awareness of the FGM Mental Health Programme through workshops and webinars aimed at mental health professionals
- launched the FGM Information Sharing (FGM-IS) system in maternity units across England. FGM-IS is a national IT system that allows healthcare professionals across England to systematically share information about a family history of FGM
- commissioned FGM Animations in collaboration with The Royal College of Midwives (RCM) and the DHSC. The launch event, held at the Houses of Parliament, was attended by Jackie Doyle-Price MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Health and Social Care. These support patients and communities to understand the impact of FGM

Produced a new

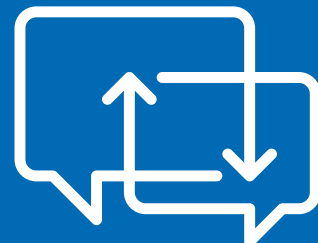
FGM Pocket Guide

for Health Professionals
highlighting key FGM policy
and legislation is now
available nationally to aid
front line practitioners



Training

to front line practitioners to help them ask the right questions in difficult circumstances.



Child Sexual Abuse & Exploitation (CSA/E)

There is an established Child Sexual Abuse & Exploitation Health forum, accountable to NHS England's National Safeguarding Steering Group (NSSG). The forum has focused on ensuring the voices of children and young people are central to all work commissioned for CSA/E. The forum has worked closely with children and young people in Manchester and Northumberland, this work showed just how critical it is that they are involved with the design of resources and pathways for their care and support.

Key achievements:

- commissioned the University of Salford and Pennie Acute Hospitals NHS Trust to work with children and young people to review current CSA/E screening tools and risk assessments. The 'Not just a thought...' tool has been created from this collaboration
- commissioned the '**Me First**' project, via Common Room Consulting Ltd and Great Ormond Street Hospital. Resources have been developed to support health and care professionals to communicate with children and young people when they have concerns regarding CSE or other safeguarding issues. For more information visit: www.mefirst.org.uk
- co-produced, in partnership with young people from Northumberland, a range of **#ItCouldHappenToMe** campaign materials and information aimed at young people. The campaign highlights how to recognise the signs CSE and what to do if you think it is happening to you or someone you know. Many of these young people have demonstrated improved self confidence in reporting any worries and concerns they may have to a health member of staff and also an increase in confidence in supporting friends to disclose abuse to health staff. The young people involved in the development of this work won a national award at the National Working Group (NWG) conference in 2017. The NHS England North Regional Safeguarding Lead shared the materials with the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) team, who have adopted the materials as part of their consultation into how the IICSA team consult with young people
- worked in partnership with **Fixers UK** to produce a range of resources for frontline health staff designed by children and young people. For more information visit: <http://www.fixers.org.uk>
- developed training resources for Primary Care professionals to support recognition and support for CSE/A
- NHS England continues to be a key partner with the Department of Health and The Children's Society supporting the 'Seen and Heard' champions campaign. For more information visit: <http://seenandheard.org.uk/>

Looked After Children (LAC)

The Looked After Children (LAC) Forum acknowledges that children's early experiences have a significant impact on their development and future life chances. Looked After Children are four times more likely than all other children to experience poor health, poor well-being and poor outcomes. NHS England has made it a priority to reduce unwarranted variation in children accessing good physical and mental health care.

Key achievements:

- developed a Standard Approach to Commissioning Looked After Children Services suite of best practice documents and tools for use in commissioning and service delivery. This document focuses on developing consistent standards of service provision and delivery across England
- influenced the Social Care Institute of Excellence (SCIE) report on mental health and LAC services (November 2017)
- supported the Department of Education on a mental health assessment pilot

Standard Approach document

will help progress the development of LAC commissioning into the future



A task and finish group looking at the issue of

NHS numbers of children who are adopted

Mental Capacity Act (MCA)

The MCA national forum has been reconfigured over the past year. The newly formed group has been working with the Department of Health and the Law Commission to review the Law Commission proposed legislative changes on the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards. NHS England Central Safeguarding Team have also brought together an executive forum from across NHS England directorates to discuss the impact of the proposals across adult and children's services and to identify where there can be collaborative working.

This work will be ongoing as the government reviews and responds to the proposals; work will continue throughout 2018/19.

Mental Capacity Act Conference

In January 2017, the Mental Capacity Act conference was held at University College, London. The conference was attended by 185 delegates. 100% of delegates felt that the content discussed was current and relevant to practice, with 88% agreeing that the conference enabled them to improve practice and patient outcomes in their organisation.

Comments from attendees included:

"A well-presented and clear conference that not only introduced the key concepts of the Mental Capacity Act, but also teased out the complexities and issues. Many thanks."

Military Health

The NHS England Central and South Safeguarding Teams, alongside colleagues from the NHS England Central Armed Forces Team, have been working in collaboration with the Ministry of Defence (MoD). Together they have identified key areas of work where the health safeguarding provision for the armed forces community, and families in particular, could be strengthened.

Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) - Task and Finish Group

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse was officially opened in July 2015. NHS England established a Task and Finish Group to ensure that the health sector is ready to meet the requirements of the Inquiry and support victims of abuse.

Since July 2015 the IICSA has increased its focus on health as a key line of inquiry. NHS England was able to demonstrate that it had produced guidance to support the records retention and destruction risk assessment required by the IICSA. The guidance and process was agreed by the National Information Governance Group and signed off by the National Caldicott Guardian.

The guidance was then disseminated regionally and NHS England was able to assure the IICSA that the process was followed both centrally and regionally. NHS England then adapted the guidance and shared it with Arm's Length Bodies (ALBs) via the NHS England-led Cross Directorate/ALBs IICSA Task & Finish Group as an example of best practice for them to disseminate across their networks.

NHS England facilitated the sharing of the Chaperone Policy developed by Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to support both commissioner and provider organisations in adapting the policy to protect children and young people.

The IICSA shone a spotlight on the commissioning of health services for children and young people in secure accommodation, and asked NHS England to provide evidence that policies, procedures, supervision and training were managed effectively to prevent CSA/E.

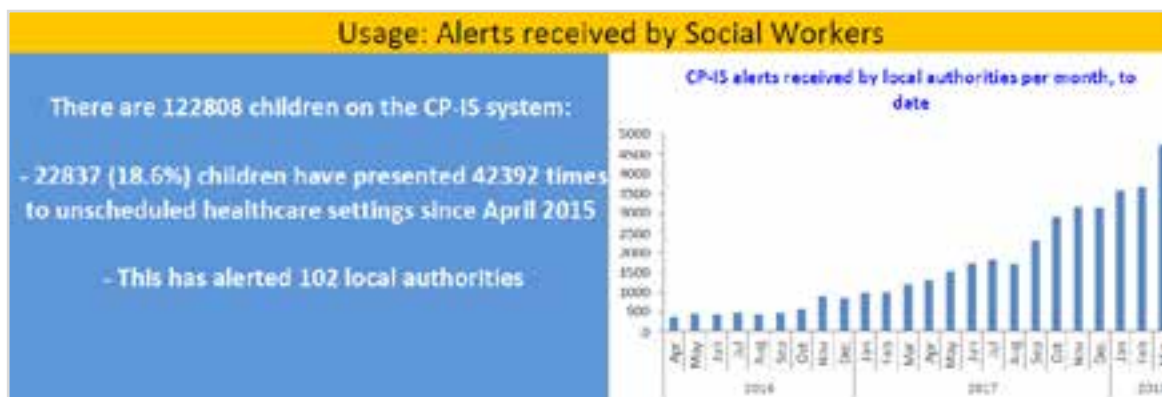
In September 2017, the IICSA held a 2 day health seminar and invited senior health representatives to attend and share their examples of good practice and their challenges regarding CSA/E in health care settings. The event focussed on leadership, culture, policy, strategy, reporting and learning. NHS England attended both days and described how they hold the system to account for commissioning safe and effective services.

Child Protection-Information Sharing (CP-IS)

The Child Protection-Information Sharing (CP-IS) system is helping health and social care staff to share information and better protect society's most vulnerable children.

By linking the different IT systems used across health and social care, CP-IS is enabling staff to securely share information and work more closely together when a child presents in an unscheduled care setting, such as an A&E department.

NHS England continues to be committed to making CP-IS available in all unscheduled care settings and we are working with our delivery partner NHS Digital to ensure that this is achieved. Regulators are supporting this work, with CP-IS being a key line of enquiry during inspections.



Key achievements:

- over 122,000 children's plans are now viewable on CP-IS*
- number of Local Authorities using CP-IS: 104 (68%)* against a target of 65% for March 2018
- number of individual Healthcare Settings using CP-IS: 593 (52%)* against a target of 45% for March 2018
- NHS Digital has overseen the accreditation of over 99% of Social Care system suppliers
- CP-IS has been incorporated within the recently updated Care Quality Commission's (CQC) inspection methodology and key lines of enquiry (KLOE)
- NHS Digital has actively recruited CP-IS Champions from live Local Authority areas and Provider Healthcare Organisations to promote the implementation of CP-IS and the benefits that they have realised as a result of going live
- NHS Digital with support from NHS England ran two national Implementation Forum events in April and November 2017 in Manchester and London respectively, which were attended by 165 delegates. The events were open to health and social care partners as an opportunity to learn and to share lessons from the CP-IS implementation journey

*as of 31/03/2108

- additional financial resources have been made available to both Local Authority areas and unscheduled healthcare settings to promote and accelerate the implementation of CP-IS. This approach was supported by NHS England and it was agreed at the CP-IS Board Meeting that an Accelerator Fund would be made available to Local Authorities (LAs) and to NHS Trusts via the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) route with a view to accelerating the uptake of the CP-IS functionality
- NHS Digital ran a CP-IS media campaign for 6 weeks from 16 October which concluded the week of the 2nd Implementation Forum to raise the profile of CP-IS. This included a feature article in the Nursing Times on CP-IS by Hilary Garratt CBE, NHS England Director of Nursing and Deputy Chief Nursing Officer, England

Safeguarding app

The mobile Safeguarding app was produced by the NHS England Midlands and East Office. The app supports front line participants to access and review safeguarding guidance quickly and easily.

Since the application's release in late 2016, it has been downloaded more than 61,000 times across Apple, Android and Microsoft platforms.

The app is used between 150 to 200 times each day to access safeguarding information.

We would like to thank NHS England Midlands and East (East Office) for its hard work in producing and maintaining the application.

The app can be installed for free by searching for 'NHS Safeguarding' in your mobile app store.

'Thank you so much for sharing this wonderful App. It is a great reference for personal education, and the contact list is "just what the doctor ordered." Much appreciated.' - **Compliance Advisor, Ambulance Service**



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Safeguarding Adults National Network (SANN)

NHS England Central Safeguarding Team have developed a national network to link adult safeguarding specialists within Clinical Commissioning Groups from across England. The network has representatives from across the four NHS England regions. These network meetings provide a key environment for specialists to discuss their concerns and to share knowledge and learning.

The network is linked back to front line practitioners via their regional representatives, with a clear flow of information backwards and forwards through the health economy. This network provides a valuable interface between NHS England and frontline practitioners in adult safeguarding and mental capacity work.

This forum will develop over the coming year, with the introduction of an independent chair.

The objectives are to:

- influence national strategic objectives and policy
- strengthen leadership and coordination across adult safeguarding
- identify gaps in local and regional approaches to adult safeguarding
- promote learning, development and analysis of data
- develop review and research partnerships
- establish a repository of expert material
- be a critical friend to NHS England policy development regarding adult safeguarding.

Modern Slavery Network

The Modern Slavery Act came into force in 2015; this is the first piece of UK legislation focusing on the prevention of modern slavery, the prosecution of perpetrators and the protection of victims.

NHS England has set up a Modern Slavery Network with core membership that includes representation from Safeguarding, the NHS England regions, Clinical Commissioning Groups and NHS Provider Organisations. We held an inaugural meeting in December 2017.

The aim of the Network is to provide assurance that NHS England is taking all reasonable steps to recognise, support, refer and safeguarding vulnerable children and adults subject to Modern Slavery. It is hoped that this network will grow over the coming months and work with other agencies to adopt standards of health care for those that have been victims of modern slavery.

NHS England has published 'Our Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement for 2018/19'. This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and applies to NHS England, including Commissioning Support Units. This statement has been signed by the NHS England CEO and approved by the NHS England Board.

The objectives are to:

- influence national strategic objectives and policy
- strengthen leadership and coordination across the Modern Slavery partnership
- identify gaps in local and regional approaches to Modern Slavery
- promote learning, development and analysis of data
- develop review and research partnerships
- establish a repository of expert material.

National Network of Designated Healthcare Professionals (NNDHP)

The National Network of Designated Healthcare Professionals, for safeguarding children, was set up to provide professionals with a collective voice to influence policy makers on behalf of children and young people in receipt of NHS services.

Key achievements:

- provided the fourth annual conference with the key theme of “A New Law: A New World” reviewing the legislative changes impacting child protection services
- collaborated with the NSPCC, CoramBAAF, Barnardos, NHS partners, the Association of Directors of Children’s Services, the National Police Chiefs Council, the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, the Royal College of Nursing, the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine, the Departments for Education, Health and Social Care to monitor effective outcomes for children and young people within health and care settings
- provided responses to a number of consultations including Health Visitor Mandation, and the Working Together rewrite to reflect the voice of health in the arrangements introduced in the Children and Social Work Act 2017

Regional Team Updates

North

Key achievements:

- commissioned the National Society for the Prevention and Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) to provide safeguarding supervision training to 80 Designated Safeguarding Professionals
- commissioned the NHS Leadership Academy Mary Seacole leadership development course for 75 Designated Safeguarding Professionals to equip them with the knowledge and skills to be effective leaders.
- implemented the Female Genital Mutilation Information Sharing (FGM-IS) system within maternity provisions across the region
- mapped the health provisions across the North region to establish contact details for both Commissioning and Provider Looked after Children (LAC). Ensuring that any issues in relation to children placed out of borough can be resolved quickly and effectively. This will identify any risks posed to Looked after Children placed out of borough in relation to the provision of initial and review physical and mental health support services
- commissioned workshops and masterclasses for 240 Primary Care staff to improve knowledge of legislative frameworks and support effective and safe decision making within MCA and DoLs. As a result patient outcomes in particular for vulnerable patients will be improved, enabling practitioners to make safe decisions
- developed a health pathway have to provide best practice for victims of slavery and trafficking, this work was undertaken through the North region Modern Slavery and Trafficking networks

Learning and development opportunities for Designated Safeguarding Professionals including successful delivery of

3 regional safeguarding conferences attended by 370 candidates

Development and distribution of safeguarding education resources

for frontline staff e.g. e-learning, booklets, Safeguarding app

Midlands and East

Key achievements:

- developed a Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) Improvement Tool; this has progressed from pilot sites to 61 CCGs across the Midlands and East region, enabling a review and evaluation of improvement at scale
- developed a safeguarding data summary pack in collaboration with a regional data analyst. The pack provides the latest available data on a number of priority topics including: child sexual exploitation figures, number of regional safeguarding, domestic abuse and adult safeguarding referrals. This process enables risk assessment and financial planning for safeguarding services
- implemented a safeguarding training needs analysis with NHS England, to strengthen understanding of staff safeguarding training needs. This work will continue into 2018 by safeguarding colleagues within the Central Safeguarding Team, in partnership with NHS England's Human Resources and Organisational Development Team, identifying the relevant training requirements of the NHS England workforce

Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) Improvement Tool is now used across



CCGs in the Midlands and East region



Our data summary pack
**has been
commended**
by the NHS England National
safeguarding team

Developing a 'guidance blueprint'
to understand how health teams can
deliver the safeguarding agenda

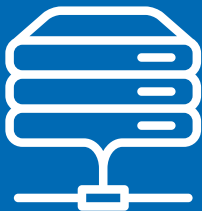
**deliver the
safeguarding
agenda**



London

Key achievements:

- continued to fund the development of Child Sexual Abuse Hubs in London which will assist in supporting and safeguarding children and young people who have experienced sexual abuse
- funded the Healthy London Partnership to develop a Pan London approach to review child deaths and make London ready to implement the changes arising from the Safeguarding Children Reforms
- commissioned a multiagency train-the-trainer programme in conjunction with local authorities, police and 'Stop the Traffik' across London, to raise awareness of both human trafficking and modern slavery. Among those trained were 37 Designated Professionals. Participants were required to commit to delivering three to four sessions over the next year in their organisations
- supported the London GP Mental Capacity Act quality improvement project, which includes the development of templates for the GP records system (EMIS)
- supported organisations who had low levels of Prevent trained staff, with the delivery of train-the-trainer sessions, resulting in over 400 staff receiving Prevent training
- held 10 GP Prevent sessions across London, which has increased knowledge and awareness in understanding Prevent



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programme in conjunction with London Councils, Police and 'Stop the Traffik'



Funded the development of

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South

Key achievements:

- two Safeguarding Conferences attended by over 300 professionals focussed on safeguarding vulnerable adults
- launch of project to improve safeguarding processes in Health and Criminal Justice services
- programme of work to improve safeguarding processes in specialised NHS directly-commissioned inpatient services
- work with Home Office to appoint a Prevent Coordinator for the South region to help strengthen our work with people at risk of radicalisation
- roll-out of multi-agency safeguarding hubs (MASHs) across region to strengthen our response to keeping children safe

Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) work:

- developing a website focussed on supporting health and local authority professionals in meeting the needs of unaccompanied asylum seeking children
- held a number of conferences across England to support health professionals in utilising the webpage and understanding the needs of UASC children
- we continue to work closely with the NHS England Looked After Children (LAC) forum, ensuring that there is integrated working regarding the placement, holistic support and health provisions in supporting Looked After Children and unaccompanied asylum seeking children



2 Safeguarding Conferences

attended by over 300 professionals
focussed on safeguarding vulnerable adults

Work with
Home Office
to appoint a

Prevent Coordinator

for the south region



To ensure that all identified
services are implementing the

Child Protection - Information Sharing System

The Children and Social Work Act 2017

This new law removes the legal authority of Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs). Statutory safeguarding responsibilities will in future reside with a new partnership made up of Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG), Local Authorities and local police. It is expected that forthcoming statutory regulations will make CCG accountable officers the responsible health representatives.

This new partnership will be required to decide on a set of arrangements that will include decisions about the geographical footprint of their working area, a funding plan, and criteria for intervention. They must, importantly, also make arrangements for the scrutiny of the effectiveness of their arrangements by an independent person. Descriptions of the working arrangements will have to be published, as will regular reports on the work of the partnership.

The same legislation also introduces new local and national review processes as well as an overhaul of the Child Death Review process. Health leaders are required to play a part in all these structures and processes. The statutory guidance, *Working Together to Safeguard Children*, is being completely updated and completely new statutory guidance on the Child Death Review process is to be published as well.

These changes represent the most fundamental shift in child safeguarding in four decades. The degree of prescription in statutory guidance for the new arrangements will be limited. Therefore, the potential for losing sight of the needs of children, which must be our paramount concern as new local plans are developed and put into action, is very real. It is therefore vital that the advice of designated professionals, as appointed single subject experts, should be used throughout to ensure that the distinct contribution that health will make to this new partnership is expertly informed and strategically compliant with the full range of the needs of children. Such advice will maximise the chances that partnership proposals only serve to enhance the health and wellbeing of all the children in the area. Without such advice the risks to children will not be adequately moderated, and the liabilities for accountable officers and their colleagues will rise.

The role of Designated Healthcare Professionals (DP)

Dr Peter Green, Chair NNDHP*

Dr Peter Green discusses the important role of Designated Healthcare Professionals.



“Designated Doctors and Designated Nurses for Safeguarding Children, Looked After Children and Child Death Review are statutory post holders. They are the acknowledged source of clinical expert advice and strategic thinking within the health service.

The crucial importance of the welfare needs of children is the guiding principle for the role of a DP. All Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) are required to have access to DPs. Post holders are required to serve not only their local health system, but also to provide advice and support for all partner agencies, including social care, the police, and the education sector.

The role requires sufficient capacity to improve the wellbeing of all children while protecting and safeguarding the needs of those with additional vulnerabilities. It will also require the post holder to be able to engage in challenging and robust dialogue from the health perspective with partners and colleagues to ensure that the needs of children are always put first.

As Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STPs) and Accountable Care Organisations (ACOs) develop, it is vital for the needs of all children that the designated professional’s capacity and support is maintained in accordance with published guidance.”

Further information and advice is available from the National Network for Designated Healthcare Professionals via email, at: England.nndhp@nhs.net

Priorities for 2018/19

The priorities for NHS England Safeguarding in 2018/19, are to:

- implement and monitor compliance for a corporate safeguarding training and education package for NHS England key staff requiring Level 2 and above safeguarding training, as per the Intercollegiate Guidance
- implement the changes required for the Domestic Abuse Bill 2018, providing leadership across the health sector working in partnership with the Department of Health and Social Care, Regional Safeguarding Team and NHS Improvement
- develop an implementation plan for the Mental Capacity and Liberty Protection Safeguards, in providing leadership across the health sector, working in partnership with the Department of Health and Social Care
- embed the Child Protection Information Sharing (CP – IS) system across health and social care, working with NHS Digital, NHS Improvement and local leadership to incorporate CP – IS into patient care
- embed the Prevent programme of training and education across health in partnership with the Department of Health and Social Care and the Home Office
- develop robust safeguarding mechanisms within Military Health arrangements, working in partnership with NHS England South, NHS England Regional Safeguarding Teams and the Ministry of Defence
- develop robust working arrangements for the integration of safeguarding practices across NHS England and NHS Improvement
- continue to raise awareness of Child Sexual Abuse/Exploitation (CSAVE) across health, working in partnership with NHS England North region
- provide leadership to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), working with the senior managers of the inquiry and the Safeguarding Central and Regional Teams
- implement the changes required for the Children and Social Work Act 2017, working in partnership with the Department of Education, the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS Improvement, to monitor partnership arrangements and safeguarding assurance across health
- embed the Female Genital Mutilation Information System (FGM – IS) across health and social care, working with NHS Digital, NHS Improvement and local leadership to incorporate FGM – IS into patient care

Glossary

CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
CP-IS	Child Protection Information System
CSAE	Child Sexual Abuse/Exploitation
DHSC	Department of Health and Social Care
DfE	Department for Education
DoLS	Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
HO	Home Office
HSCIC	Health and Social Care Information Centre
LA	Local Authority
LAC	Looked After Children
MCA	Mental Capacity Act
NSPCC	National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
NSSG	National Safeguarding Steering Group
UASC	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children

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