

**NHS DORSET CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP
GOVERNING BODY MEETING
UPDATE REPORT ON CHILDREN'S SAFEGUARDING**

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Purpose of Report	This report summarises the safeguarding children activity across Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole for quarter one and two of the financial year 2016/17.
Recommendation	The Governing Body is asked to note the report.
Stakeholder Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Designated Nurse works directly with children and families. • The Designated Nurse is a member of a number of the children's safeguarding board's sub groups and a member of the Boards. • The Designated Nurse has engaged and developed a working relationship with General Practice and Primary Care. • The Designated Nurse is an active member of the Wessex Local Area team safeguarding forum. • Elements of public engagement have being undertaken through the wider pan Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole Children's Safeguarding Boards. • Engagement with communication team in the CCG.
Previous GB / Committee/s, Dates	Audit and Quality Committee 03/05/2016

Monitoring and Assurance Summary

This report links to the following Strategic Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services designed around people • Preventing ill health and reducing inequalities • Sustainable healthcare services • Care closer to home 		
	Yes [e.g. ✓]	Any action required?	
		Yes Detail in report	No
All three Domains of Quality (Safety, Quality, Patient Experience)	✓		✓
Board Assurance Framework Risk Register	✓		✓
Budgetary Impact	✓		✓
Legal/Regulatory	✓		✓
People/Staff	✓		✓
Financial/Value for Money/Sustainability	✓		✓
Information Management & Technology	✓		✓
Equality Impact Assessment	✓		✓
Freedom of Information	✓		✓
I confirm that I have considered the implications of this report on each of the matters above, as indicated	✓		

Initials : WT

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides an update on Safeguarding Children activity over the period of 1 April to 31 September 2016. The purpose of this report is to inform and assure the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Governing Body on the progress and developments both locally and nationally on issues related to the safeguarding children's agenda.
- 1.2 Dorset CCG remains compliant with its statutory requirement for safeguarding children. Further information regarding roles and responsibilities can be accessed via the CCG website.

2. Safeguarding Activity

Numbers of Children Subject to a Child Protection Plan

- 2.1 The number of children subject to a protection plan continues to rise. The growing complexity of the family unit continues to impact and challenge as to how to best meet this need. The Designated Nurse is currently supporting DCC Children's Services in reviewing complex cases of children on the cusp of entering care.

Training/Supervision

- 2.2 Compliance with safeguarding training within providers is monitored through the contractual process and Safeguarding supervision is also being provided by the Designated Nurses to the Named Nurses for safeguarding.

Safeguarding Children and Young People In Health Group (SCYPiH)

- 2.3 SCYPiH has extended its membership to include all commissioned NHS providers in Dorset. The Terms of Reference have been updated and the group is being chaired by the Designated Doctor for Safeguarding Children. The purpose of the group is to share best practice, offer providers support and development and progress a pan Dorset approach to safeguarding. The group is no longer a formal reporting group to the LSCB.

Providers

- 2.4 RBCHFT has led a case reflection on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), with partners to share learning and continue to offer oversight and supervision to other Health providers. A small number of cases have been reported which have been adults accessing support for historic practice.
- 2.5 PHFT has highlighted an increase in the number of requests for Sexual Abuse Examinations. This information has been triangulated pan Dorset, demonstrating a rise along with national average. This can be accounted for as front line staff receive improved training in identifying appropriate cases requiring intervention.

3. Commissioned Services

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

- 3.1 The CCG has been actively involved in the development of the MASH. DHUFT are commissioned by the CCG to provide the health element. It is anticipated that the co-located MASH will be fully functioning by Spring 2017.

Child Sexual Exploitation/ Missing Children Service

- 3.2 The Pan Dorset CSE and Missing Children Service is jointly commissioned by the CCG, the three LAs and the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office, and is provided by Barnardo's. The service commenced in October 2015 after initially experiencing a number of commissioning difficulties. It has now been running for a year and is playing a successful role in helping multiagency partners understand how CSE effects and impacts children, young people and their families.
- 3.3 Barnardo's were originally commissioned to work intensively with 30 children experiencing or at significant risk of CSE, 70 missing children and to complete 266 Return Home Interviews (RHI) per annum.
- 3.4 It has been agreed to use the underspend of £2000 from the delayed start of the service to increase the amount of 1-1 work with young people who score as a high/ moderate on the CSE Risk assessment Tool.
- 3.5 Bournemouth LA have undertaken a redesign of their CSE services. This has caused considerable difficulties for the service provider and other commissioners as it has resulted in no new CSE cases from Bournemouth being referred to the service. This is being followed up by the LSCB.
- 3.6 members of the Service Delivery directorate attend the contract monitoring meetings on behalf of the CCG whilst the Deputy Designated Nurse will attend the LSCB CSE service development group.
- 3.7 CSE caseload across Dorset remains static with between 15 -18 cases in total.

Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)

- 3.8 The Dorset SARC is jointly commissioned by NHS England and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, and is provided by G4S. The Health and Police Partnership Board oversees the performance and governance of the SARC. The CCG is represented on the Partnership Board by Service Delivery and the Deputy Designated Nurse.
- 3.9 In September NHS England (Central) held a stakeholder event to consider the findings from the Adults and Children's Health Needs Analysis reports.
- 3.10 NHS England are currently developing counselling services for victims of sexual assault and are working with the CCG to ensure these are joined with work being undertaken in this area.

4. CCG Named GPs

- 4.1 The three Named GPs have provided safeguarding training to individual practices through events such as educational afternoons and locality protected events. There has also been attendance at the Level 3 safeguarding training provided by Wessex GP education to raise the team profile and provide specific primary care updates.
- 4.2 Work has been completed for the Safeguarding templates to be used in SystemOne GP electronic records.
- 4.3 Pan Dorset work is being led by the Named GP for improving GP attendances/input at Child Protection conferences. It is anticipated that this work will take six months to complete.

5. Serious Investigations/STEIS/Managing Allegations

- 5.1 The CCG Designated Nurse continues to support this process. A recent case highlighted issues in agency staff recruitment in primary care. Work has taken place to mitigate against current risks, which is being shared with NHSE.

Serious Case Reviews

- 5.2 An update on Serious Case Reviews has been provided separately.

6. Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB) Update

- 6.1 The CCG is represented at both LSCBs and various sub groups. Both the NHS and Police continue to champion the proposal for a Pan Dorset LSCB Board. The recently appointed Independent Chair has an extensive health background and progress is being made to integrate all sub groups.
- 6.2 Bournemouth and Poole LSCB is currently undertaking an audit of Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) cases which will be reported to the December Board. Early findings show low numbers of CSA cases being identified with CSA often being a feature of neglect in families.
- 6.3 The final report of the Section 11 audit of Primary Care has been presented to the LSCB boards and NHS England. The final publication is available on the safeguarding internet page.
- 6.4 Dorset Local Safeguarding Board LSCB was reported to be inadequate by Ofsted earlier this year and an improvement plan is in place. The Annual Report for both LSCB Boards is published and can be found via the local web pages.

7. OFSTED Inspections

- 7.1 DCC Children's Services are subject to an improvement plan following a Requires Improvement rating by OFSTED. Referrals about children's welfare were found not to always be dealt with quickly or robustly, which could stem from poor management oversight and decision making at this important early point of involvement with children and their families. A restructure has taken place, intended to improve oversight and governance arrangements in identifying children and families at risk.

8. NHS England Wessex Safeguarding

- 8.1 NHS England has established their key Safeguarding objectives for 2016-2017. These are: Looked After Children, Child Sexual Exploitation, Female Genital Mutilation, Serious Case Reviews and Mental Capacity Act. These will be led through the National Safeguarding Network and Area teams.
- 8.2 NHS Wessex appointed a Safeguarding Programme Lead who has completed a scoping exercise across Wessex to consider what the safeguarding priorities areas are across the region. The CCG Designated Professionals were involved in this exercise
- 8.3 Dorset CCG designated leads have been requested to support some key work streams to enhance the CCG profile. This is yet to be finalised by Wessex.

9. Update on the CCG Safeguarding Objectives 2016/17

- 9.1 The key objectives were set out at the end of the Safeguarding Annual Report presented to Board in April and are progressing well. A full update will be provided in the end of year report.

10. Other areas of activity

- 10.1 CPIS is the national child protection Information sharing system between Emergency Departments (ED) and Children's Social Services. Further guidance has been sought from NHS England as to how this is being progressed nationally. Dorset CCG remains fully committed to this project; however this is delayed by the current Local Authority's Information systems.
- 10.2 Safeguarding Performance Framework - a set of safeguarding quarterly performance indicators for all CCG providers is being developed. This will enable benchmarking and patterns to be identified with a narrative as required. The indicators were also informed by the repeated learning from serious incidents and near misses.

11. Conclusion

11.1 The safeguarding agenda in the CCG is well developed. During this report period the CCG has worked effectively in partnership with the Local Safeguarding Children Boards and partner agencies, to ensure safeguards are in place and strengthened in the services commissioned and provided by health organisations for children.

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