

**NHS DORSET CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP
GOVERNING BODY MEETING
SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN UPDATE**

Date of the meeting	18/11/2015
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Purpose of Report	Half yearly summary of safeguarding children activity within Dorset.
Recommendation	The Governing Body is asked to note the report.
Stakeholder Engagement	No engagement with patients & public specifically for this report. Children, young people and families are involved in the safeguarding process. GP leads for safeguarding involved in work plan.
Previous GB / Committee/s, Dates	April 2015

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 within safeguarding children • 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 2015. The purpose of this bi-annual 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

2.1 Numbers of Children Subject to a Child Protection Plan

	July	August	September
Poole	124	133	119
Dorset	412	421	424
Bournemouth	184	192	189
TOTAL	720	746	732

- 2.2 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 Dorset social care in reviewing complex cases of children on the cusp of entering care.

Safeguarding Training

- 2.3 The training positions for the Trusts are monitored through the contractual process with the providers.
- 2.4 The CCG Named GPs and Safeguarding team supported by the Local Medical Committee (LMC) put on three Learning at Lunchtime sessions over the summer for Primary Care. These were well attended and well received, covering learning from recent Dorset SCRs as well as an update on national issues and PREVENT. The lead GPs organised a whole day of level 3 training for G's in September, with over 50 doctors attending. The intention is to continue these twice a year.

3. Provider Trust Update

Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

- 3.1 The Trust has offered to lead and support development in the area of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).
- 3.2 The Named Nurse continues to support the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) and is currently involved in the Serious Case Review process

for S17 and attended training for advance report writing by NHS England which the CCG hosted.

Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

- 3.3 The Named Nurse has completed an internal review following a recent Serious Case Review (SCR). Learning within the Trust has been focused on the management of 16-17 year olds who require protection and services under the Children Act 1989.
- 3.4 The Trust Paediatricians have reported an increase in the number of requests for Sexual Abuse Examinations. A Health Needs Assessment is being undertaken by NHS England to consider the paediatric component of the Sexual Assault Referral Centre and the increase in demand will need to be considered within this process.

Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

- 3.5 The Named Nurse has launched the Trust's revised Level 3 Safeguarding Children Training. The Trust has historically worked with the LSCBs to run a multiagency course from the hospital. It is hoped that this will improve the Trust's training compliance.
- 3.6 The CCG Designated Doctor who is based at DCHFT supported the re-commissioning of the paediatric component of the SARC.
- 3.7 The Designated Doctor continues to offer supervision and development to the Named GPs. She also works to support the LSCB by being involved in the development of clinical pathways for the Pan Dorset Safeguarding Procedures, reviewing cases of concerns including Fabricated and Induced Illness (FII) and offering advice and support to multi-agency partners.

Dorset HealthCare University NHS FoundationTrust

- 3.8 The Trust continues to support the development of the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) by providing health information to inform child protection strategy discussion.
- 3.9 Discussions are currently underway with Public Health to consider the safeguarding supervision needs of Health Visitors and School Nurses post transfer to the Local Authority.

4. Local Safeguarding Children Board's Update

- 4.1 The Director for Quality and Designated Nurse continue to represent the CCG at the two LSCBs and various sub groups. Both the NHS and police continue to champion the proposal for a Pan Dorset LSCB Board.
- 4.2 The Safeguarding Children Boards have successfully appointed to the new Pan Dorset Training Development Officer post. This post was agreed earlier this year and will have a coordinating function for training across the safeguarding agenda. The appointed Officer will take up post in November.

- 4.3 The Safeguarding Boards continue to develop their respective datasets. Boards have a statutory duty to hold agencies to account for the safety of services provided to children and their families. This key data needs to be informative and relevant, and wherever possible easily available for agencies to provide and is a focus for Ofsted inspections of the effective functioning of the Boards. The Boards have been challenged to agree a Pan Dorset dataset to reflect county wide services.
- 4.4 The CCG along with LSCB partners has a statutory duty under Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 to ensure that its functions are discharged with regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Evidence to support compliance with Section 11 is robustly challenged by the LSCBs. The NHS England Area Team and Dorset CCG are currently exploring the practicalities of how Primary Care can demonstrate that it is Section 11 compliant. The LMC is being consulted as to how this will be progressed.
- 4.5 The current Independent Chair of the Boards' arrangement is under review.

5. Serious Case Reviews/Domestic Homicide Reviews

- 5.1 Three SCRs have been progressed during this period. A new SCR has been commissioned by the Bournemouth and Poole LSCB in August.
- 5.2 A Domestic Homicide Review has been commissioned by the Adult Safeguarding Board following a recent murder. There was previous involvement of both health and social care services within the family and it was therefore agreed that the DHR would also consider the learning for children's services. The children remain in the care of the local authority.
- 5.3 The issue of the escalating cost of the various Review processes has been raised as a concern to the Dorset Safeguarding Children's Board (DSCB). Boards have a statutory responsibility to conduct Reviews but receive no national ring fenced budget to fund them. All partner agencies will therefore be approached for additional contributions.
- 5.4 Locally and nationally the escalating cost of reviews including the varying quality of reports has led to national concerns. The CCG Designated Nurse recently presented concerns to NHS England on behalf of the National Safeguarding Network for Designated Professionals. NHS England has agreed to work with partners for an agreed resolution and support a working party.
- 5.5 There continues to be a high focus on safeguarding through the reporting of National Inquires. The Goddard Inquiry commenced in July and will examine how public bodies handled their duty of care to protect children from abuse. This may not be concluded until 2020. Several other investigations into historical allegations of abuse are also in progress which could include local cases. Key staff have been made aware of this possibility.

6. Commissioned Services

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

- 6.1 Phase one of the MASH has now been operational since July. Partners from Police, Children's Social Care and health are co-located within Poole Police Station and have been sharing multiagency information in regards to all of the domestic violence forms (SCARF) received. There is now agreement to move to Phase 2, which will include consideration of all Child Protection referrals with an expectation of a fully functioning MASH by April 2016.

Child Sexual Exploitation/ Missing Children Service

- 6.2 This jointly commissioned service was awarded to Barnardos in April and experienced delays to its proposed starting date of July. This was due to changes in the reporting definitions of Missing Children by Dorset Police. This has now been resolved and the service commenced as of 1 October. The service is based within the Police Missing Persons unit and will provide a service to young people identified as at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). Contract Monitoring meetings are in place, which the CCG will attend.

Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)

- 6.3 NHS England (Central) re-commissioned the SARC service earlier in the year and awarded the new contract to G4S. They took over from SERCO in September. The new service will include a Nurse led Forensic service.
- 6.4 NHS England (Central) has also commissioned a Health Needs Analysis to inform the re-commissioned Paediatric component of the SARC. This is expected to see all examinations of children under 16 to be completed by a competent paediatrician.

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

- 6.5 This is a key NHS England priority although FGM is not deemed to be an area of high activity within Dorset. Seven historic cases have been identified in Dorset since April 2014.
- 6.6 Key front line staff have received targeted training and support and each health provider has identified champions within Maternity and Sexual Health outreach. Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (RBCHFT) have a consultant who has offered to act as a lead for this area to ensure staff are supported and the right care is provided.

7. CQC/OFSTED Inspections

- 7.1 Dorset HealthCare was inspected by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in June. Issues were identified in relation to safeguarding systems and processes not operating effectively. Progress in this area will be monitored via the CQC action plan.

7.2 Both Dorset County Council and Poole Borough Council are awaiting their inspections of children services and safeguarding from OFSTED. Dorset Police received their HMIP inspection in June. The CCG supported the Safeguarding Referral Unit in giving evidence. The final report has not yet been published.

8. NHS England Wessex Safeguarding

8.1 NHS England has established their five key Safeguarding objectives for 2015-2016. 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.

9. Update on the CCG Safeguarding Objectives 2015/16

9.1 The Key objectives for April 2015 to March 2016 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 Dorset has received additional funding from the Wessex Area Team for an increase of four sessions to the Named GP role. These will be advertised once the funding has been finalised. Currently both Named GPs support both the adult and children agenda, which is offering a seamless approach.

10.2 CPIS is the national child protection Information sharing system between Emergency Departments (ED) and children's social care. Currently all three Local Authorities (LAs) are unable to progress this due to incompatible IT systems. As a result, ED staff are unable to access the national spine to gain information on children who present for care or intervention and who may be subject to a protection plan or deemed at risk. This could lead to missed opportunities for information sharing for those at highest risk. It is currently unclear when the LAs will be ready and further guidance is being sought from NHS England as to how this is being progressed nationally.

10.3 Safeguarding Performance Framework - a set of safeguarding quarterly performance indicators for all Dorset provider NHS Trusts has been developed by the designated professionals. This will allow for the emergence of specific health data and 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.

10.4 Dorset CCG currently receives information from a number of provider organisations on service user views; there has not been any specific work which has captured the views of children and young people, especially those who are more vulnerable. The Designated Nurse wishes to develop closer working with the Engagement, Experience and Communications Team for the CCG and the Commissioner for Children and Families to ensure that this happens. This commissioning intention will make sure that contracts for

children's services will specifically seek the views of children and young people from a variety of backgrounds, including their experiences of the transition process.

11. Conclusion

- 11.1 In conclusion, the safeguarding agenda in the CCG is well developed. During the period of this report 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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