

Safeguarding Adults and Children Statement

NHS Surrey Heartlands CCG is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children, young people and adults across the organisation. The welfare of our population who come into contact with the services we commission, either directly or indirectly is paramount and all our staff have a responsibility to ensure that practice is robust and complies with statutory requirements. By working closely with the other CCG's within Surrey we expect that all of the services commissioned deliver good quality, safe effective care.

Organisational arrangements

CCGs have a statutory responsibility to make sure that the organisations they commission services from have arrangements in place to effectively safeguard children and adults at risk of abuse and neglect. NHS Surrey Heartlands CCG is the host CCG for safeguarding children and adults including looked after children arrangements and Child Death Review on behalf of the Surrey CCG collaborative. We have a clear line of accountability for safeguarding within the CCG. The CCG's Accountable Officer has ultimate accountability for ensuring that the health contribution to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults is discharged effectively across the whole health economy through commissioning arrangements. The Executive Director of Nursing and Quality is the CCG executive lead for safeguarding, and has responsibility for providing leadership and gaining assurance in relation to safeguarding issues within the CCG and locality. The CCG employs the expertise of Designated Professionals for both children and adults through collaborative arrangements. These roles are an integral part of the CCG's activity and support the delivery of the safeguarding adult and children, Looked after children and child death review agenda.

The collaboration between the CCG's across Surrey ensures that all organisations commissioned or contracted to provide services will in the discharge of their functions, have regard to the requirements contained within statutory guidance [Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018](#) the [Care Act 2014](#) as well as Policy and Guidance set out by the [Surrey Safeguarding Adults and Children's Board](#) and the [Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership](#). The following measures ensure that safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults at risk of abuse or neglect are given priority and are discharged effectively across the whole local health community through commissioning arrangements:

- Systems to train staff to the appropriate level to recognise and report safeguarding issues.
- A clear line of accountability for safeguarding; reflected in our governance arrangements.
- Systems in place to ensure that providers of services are held to account through regular review of safeguarding arrangements through quality scrutiny processes.
- Arrangements to work with local authorities and other partners through our Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships, Local Safeguarding Adults Boards and Health and Wellbeing Boards.



- Arrangements to share information between service providers, agencies and commissioners.
- A clear statement of the CCGs responsibilities for staff and ensuring that safeguarding children and adults strategies and associated policies are in place, including safe recruitment of staff, a whistle-blowing policy and safeguarding training and supervision policies which ensure staff exercise vigilance to mitigate against the risk that people using the CCGs services might be suffering from abuse.
- The safeguarding team has a Designated doctor and nurses who are responsible for safeguarding children, adults and looked after children, Designated Dr Child Death Review, Named Nurse and Specialist Nurses for Child Death Review, Designated GP for Safeguarding Adults and Children, Named GP for Safeguarding Children, Safeguarding Adults and Children Nurse Advisors, Child Wellbeing Professional and Safeguarding Business support

We closely monitor how effective our safeguarding arrangements for children and adults at risk cared for in health services are through governance and quality assurance processes within the CCG. In turn, NHS England oversees those processes to make sure all CCGs are meeting their safeguarding responsibilities.