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BOARD

29 JULY 2025

Report Title:

NENC ICB 2024-25 Safeguarding Annual Report

Purpose of report

This is the 2024-25 North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) Safeguarding Annual Review Report. The report provides assurance to the Committee regarding our ICB safeguarding functions and outlines the continued fulfilment of our statutory safeguarding duties.

Key points

- This Annual Report outlines the national and local context for safeguarding and our work in partnership for children, young people and adults at risk.
- The report provides evidence that NENC ICB was able to demonstrate that appropriate safeguarding governance systems were in place for discharging our statutory safeguarding duties and functions in line with the following key legislation:
 - Care Act 2014
 - Children Act 1989 and 2004
 - Children and Social Work Act 2017
 - Working together to Safeguard Children 2018 and 2023
- The NHSE Safeguarding and Accountability and Assurance Framework (SAAF 2024) provides the strategic framework for ensuring system oversight of safeguarding priorities.
- Assurance and oversight of our duties is maintained by NENC ICB through its formal quality governance arrangements: reports from the Health Safeguarding Executive subcommittee are routinely shared at the ICB Quality and Safety Committee.
- The Board is asked to note the key achievements following the embedding of the revised 2024 2.0 and ICB operating arrangements aimed at strengthening and improving the quality of safeguarding provision across the ICS system within all our local delivery teams and across all our partnerships.

Risks and issues

The Chief Nurse and AHP Officer and the Health Safeguarding Executive Subcommittee will continue to work with partners to clarify and build on our relationships and ways of working at both strategic and operational levels to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk and to ensure delivery of the ICB statutory duties

Assurances

<p>ICB Safeguarding arrangements regularly reviewed and reported at the ICB Health Safeguarding Executive Subcommittee.</p> <p>The report was presented to the ICB Quality and Safety Committee on 10 July 2025 for information and assurance.</p>						
Recommendation						
<p>The Board are asked to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive the report for information and assurance • Note that the report will be shared with our relevant safeguarding partnerships for assurance purposes. 						
Acronyms and abbreviations explained						
<p>ICB - Integrated Care Board SAAF - NHSE Safeguarding and Accountability and Assurance Framework The remainder are referenced in the report</p>						
Sponsor/approving executive director	Hilary Lloyd, Chief Nurse and AHP Officer					
Date approved by executive director	20 th June 2025					
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Link to ICP strategy priorities						
Longer and Healthier Lives						✓
Fairer Outcomes for All						✓
Better Health and Care Services						✓
Giving Children and Young People the Best Start in Life						✓
Relevant legal/statutory issues						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care Act 2014 • Children Act 1989 and 2004 • Children and Social Work Act 2017 • Working together to Safeguard Children 2023 						
Any potential/actual conflicts of interest associated with the paper? (please tick)	Yes		No		N/A	✓
Equality analysis completed (please tick)	Yes		No		N/A	✓
If there is an expected impact on patient outcomes and/or experience, has a quality impact assessment been undertaken? (please tick)	Yes		No		N/A	✓
Essential considerations						
Financial implications and considerations	None at this stage – the revised ICB arrangements will be kept under review following the ICB Reform work to maintain safe and effective delivery					
Contracting and Procurement	N/A					
Local Delivery Team	N/A					

Digital Implications	N/A
Clinical involvement	All the safeguarding professionals in the ICB teams are registered professionals and contributed to the report
Health Inequalities	Safeguarding is intrinsically linked to addressing health inequalities
Patient and public involvement	Making Safeguarding Personal is a key foundation of all our work
Partner and/or other stakeholder engagement?	N/A
Other resources	N/A