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BOARD

30 July 2024

Report Title:

North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board 2023-24
Safeguarding Annual Report

Purpose of report

The 2023-24 North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) Safeguarding Annual Report provides assurance to the Board 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 cared for and care experienced children and young people.
- The report provides evidence that NENC ICB was able to demonstrate that there were appropriate safeguarding governance systems 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 2022) 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: minutes of the Health Safeguarding subcommittee are routinely shared at the ICB Quality and Safety Committee.
- The Board is asked to note the key achievements of the ICB safeguarding and cared for teams, the revised arrangements following the ICB 2.0 consultation and the forward plan to continually strengthen and improve the quality of safeguarding and cared for provision across the ICS system within partnerships and in the new local delivery teams.

Risks and issues

The Executive Chief Nurse and the Health Safeguarding 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 under the care of the NHS at risk of abuse and to ensure delivery of the ICB statutory duties.

Assurances						
The report was previously presented to ICS Health Safeguarding subcommittee on 29 th May 2024.						
Recommendation						
The Board are asked to; <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 and Corporate Parenting Boards for assurance purposes. 						
Acronyms and abbreviations explained						
ICB - Integrated Care Board SAAF - NHSE Safeguarding and Accountability and Assurance Framework						
The remainder are referenced in the report						
Sponsor/approving executive director	David Purdue, Executive Chief Nurse and People Officer, Deputy CEO					
Date approved by executive director	1 st July 2024					
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Link to ICP strategy priorities (please tick all that apply)						
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						
Care Act 2014 Children Act 1989 and 2004 Children and Social Work Act 2017 Working together to Safeguard Children 2018 and 2023						
Any potential/actual conflicts of interest associated with the paper? (please tick)	Yes		No		N/A	✓
If yes, please specify						
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	✓
Key implications						
Are additional resources required?	None at this stage – the revised ICB arrangements will be kept under review to maintain safe and effective delivery					

Has there been/does there need to be appropriate clinical involvement?	All the safeguarding professionals in the ICB teams are registered professionals
Has there been/does there need to be any patient and public involvement?	Making Safeguarding Personal is a key foundation of all our work and remains a key area of focus for 24/25
Has there been/does there need to be partner and/or other stakeholder engagement?	N/A
Has there been/does there need to be appropriate finance or digital involvement?	N/A