



NHS responsibilities and arrangements for safeguarding children

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Safeguarding in the NHS

Safeguarding the welfare of children and young people who receive NHS health care means:

- Protecting child patients from abuse and exploitation (physical injury, neglect, emotional or sexual abuse)
- Preventing impairment of child patients' health or development.
- Ensuring children and young people grow up with safe and consistent NHS care
- Taking action to enable all child patients to have the best health outcomes.

Safeguarding Children

- CCGs have a statutory responsibility to ensure that the organisations from which they commission services, provide safe systems to safeguard children at risk of abuse or neglect.
- Bromley has a Designated Nurse and Designated Doctor who take the strategic professional lead for safeguarding children across the local health economy.
- In addition the CCG has a designated Dr for LAC and a designated Dr for unexpected child death
- In 2014, Bromley CCG strengthened arrangements for Looked After Children by securing a Designated Nurse for Looked After Children.
- We are currently working with providers to review the arrangements for Looked After Children including Looked After Children Health Assessments.

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Services Commissioned by Bromley CCG

- **Hospital Services** - The majority of hospital services in Bromley are provided by Kings College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.
- **Urgent and emergency care** - The accident and emergency department at the PRUH is run by King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. In addition to this, we commission two urgent care centres delivered by Greenbrook Healthcare.
- **Community health services** are provided by Bromley Healthcare.
- **Mental health and learning disability services** are provided by Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust


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Universal Services

- The key aim for NHS services is the early identification by staff of families who need support or who have risk indicators (MH, DV, drugs and alcohol etc.).
- Universal services are key (GPs, HVs, SNs)
- Training in our frontline providers is therefore a crucial indicator in achieving the aim of early intervention before the child is 3 years old

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Safeguarding Assurance

Quality improvement in Safeguarding for Bromley is developed in a number of ways including:

- Reviewing Section 11 Audits by NHS Providers to ensure that they meet statutory responsibilities
- Designated Professionals attend the Safeguarding Children Board and relevant sub-committees
- Providing supervision and expert advice to Named Nurses within provider organisations
- Leading on the Safeguarding Children Health Forum
- Gaining assurance from providers e.g. training, supervision and safeguarding policies and procedures.
- Attending Provider Safeguarding Committees to challenge, support and seek assurance on safeguarding issues


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CCG activity

- CCG increased designated professional establishment
- Enhanced working with Southwark around KCH
- Commissioning of "CQUINs" in providers e.g. completion of CAFs (PRUH) and identification of children out of education (BHC)
- Funding of health post within MASH
- Training of GPs – quarterly with named GP and designated nurse
- Quality Framework in all provider contracts: safeguarding KPIs

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“Comprises all procedures that involve partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons.”

World Health Organisation


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Bromley Approach

- Bromley Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Task & Finish Group convened
- Services scoped and gap analysis undertaken against the current FGM practice guidelines (2011)
- Bromley Multiagency FGM Risk Assessment Tool in draft
- FGM to be included in health economy safeguarding dataset
- Consider multiagency strategic work taken forward through Bromley Violence against Women and Girls Forum
- Report and recommendations to be shared at the March BSCB meeting.

HSCIC Newly Identified Cases

Table 2.0: Newly identified cases of FGM in England and its four Commissioning Regions.

Newly identified		Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	TOTAL
Commissioning Region	London	252	217	219	227	915
	Midlands and East of England	66	100	90	189	445
	North of England	75	83	110	93	361
	South of England	74	55	47	49	225
National	England	467	455	466	558	1946