Merton and Wandsworth Clinical Commissioning Group Safeguarding Children Annual Report

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Foreword

This is the second Merton and Wandsworth Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) Annual Safeguarding Children Report. The CCGs moved into a shared arrangement for the Designated Nurse posts in February 2017: Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children, Designated Nurse Looked After Children and Designated Safeguarding Adults Lead.

The content of this report is based on the quarterly safeguarding children reports submitted by the Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children and approved by Merton and Wandsworth Safeguarding Committee during 2018/19.

Merton Local Authority was inspected in May 2017 by Ofsted (report published August 2017) and was rated ‘good’ and ‘outstanding’ for adoption performance and leadership, management and governance. A Children’s Focused Visit was undertaken 16th January 2019, published February 2019. Areas of improvement identified were: Quality and consistency of plans for children; tracking and monitoring of allegations against professionals and focus of audits on the impact and outcomes of children.

Link: https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/44/315

Wandsworth Local Authority was re-inspected by Ofsted (May - June 2018) with the report published July 2018. The Local Authority was rated as ‘requires improvement to be good’ with a ‘good’ rating for the progress and experience of care leavers. A Children’s Focused Visit was undertaken 16th May 2019, published June 2019. Areas of improvement identified were: The seeking and recording of parental consent for enquiries when appropriate; understanding and application of thresholds for initiating children protection processes; partner engagement in strategy discussion and meetings and the timeliness of assessments for children in need.

Link: https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/44/212

St George’s University Hospital NHS Trust were inspected 6th March to 18th April 2018 with the report published July 2018. The overall rating is ‘requires improvement’, however for the inspection area ‘caring’ the rating is ‘good’.

Link: https://www.cqc.org.uk/location/RJ701

In 2018/19 the CQC inspected the health services in both Richmond and Croydon under the Child Safeguarding and Looked After Children (CLAS) framework. This programme of inspections has been in place since 2013 and focusses on evaluating the quality and impact of local health arrangements for safeguarding children and improving healthcare for children who are looked after. A workshop for Designated and Named Professionals is planned for 2019/20 to prepare for such an inspection in Merton and Wandsworth.

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1. Introduction:

1.1 This annual report 2018/19 seeks to demonstrate how Merton and Wandsworth Clinical Commissioning Groups (MCCG and WCCG) are discharging their functions as commissioners of healthcare services, have been assured that the arrangements to safeguard children and young people have been effective, compassionate and most importantly listened to and engaged children and young people. In addition, the annual report provides assurance that MCCG and WCCG have in 2018/19 achieved compliance with the duties and responsibilities as outlined by legislation, guidance and frameworks:


* New guidance published July 2018:


1.2 Safeguarding is embedded within the wider duties of all organisations across the health system, with provider organisations charged with the duties and responsibilities of delivering safe and high quality care and commissioners being charged with the responsibilities and duty to be assured of the safety and quality of the services commissioned. The annual report 2018/19 will give an overview of the performance of each provider highlighting achievements, risks and actions for 2019/20.

1.3 Safeguarding duties for commissioners of health services as a minimum requirement are (NHSE 2015) *:

- A Designated Doctor and Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Children to support and provide expert advice on the commissioning of services;
- An executive lead for safeguarding;
- Effective policies and procedures, safer recruitment, training, supervision and reporting arrangements for safeguarding adults and children that link to local procedures for the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB);
- Arrangements in place to ensure services they commission are safe for children and young people who may be at risk of abuse or neglect;
- Arrangements in place to ensure the health commissioning system as a whole is working effectively in disseminating policy and escalating key issues and risks.

These are the duties against which the performance of Merton and Wandsworth CCGs are to be measured.

(*NHSE is currently updating this document however the 2019 version is not yet published.*)
2. **Merton and Wandsworth CCG’s Compliance with Guidance and Statutory Duties**

2.1 The Merton and Wandsworth CCG Safeguarding Annual report 2017/18 set the following priorities for 2018/19:

Table 1 – End of year status of the of the 2018/19 Priorities:

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<tr>
<th>Priorities 2017/18</th>
<th>Status: Green – complete / Amber – in progress / Red – no progress</th>
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<tr>
<td>Alignment of reports into Merton and Wandsworth Safeguarding children reports.</td>
<td>This work has been completed in regard to both quarterly and annual reports.</td>
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<td>Alignment of Merton and Wandsworth safeguarding policies into one policy.</td>
<td>This work is complete, and the policy approved 2019.</td>
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<td>Capacity issue of Designated Professional posts in shared arrangements not being compliant with guidance.</td>
<td>This remains an unresolved issue, however the ‘Functional Review’ is in progress as part of the merger into one South West London CCG, which will address capacity of Designated Professionals across the STP – Sustainability and Transformation Partnership.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transition to Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships.</td>
<td>This work is complete with Partnership Agreements being signed off, published and in both Borough the Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships ‘going live’ prior to September 2019.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Implementation of CPIS.</td>
<td>This work is complete with both Local Authorities and unscheduled care settings being now live on CPIS – Child Protection Information System.</td>
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<td>Modern Slavery and People Trafficking raising awareness and training</td>
<td>The CCG meets the requirements of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 through the following: i. A published statement that demonstrates how the CCG complies with the Modern Slavery Act 2015. ii. Policies and training in place to ensure staff have the knowledge and competencies to identify and refer modern slavery. iii. Commissioning arrangements in place that seek assurance from providers are complaint with the Modern Slavery Act. iv. The CCG contributes to a multi-agency partnership pan London and borough based approach to identify, disrupt and refer cases of modern slavery.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Implementation of FGM – IS</td>
<td>The FGM-IS is a national IT system that supports the early intervention and ongoing safeguarding of girls, under the age of 18, who have a family history of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). FGM –IS in place at St Georges University Hospital - the digital flagging of the medical records enables information and risk of FGM to be shared between health professionals. This work has been further supported by a Barnardo Worker now based at the Trust and commitment by the Trust to employ and Named Midwife in 2019/20.</td>
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CSA - child sexual abuse and exploitation. SW London CSA Hub has continued funding for the NSPCC Support Programme. 01/02/19 the CCG Safeguarding Team cohosted / commissioned a workshop with CLCH delivered by The Beam Project – survivors of CSA. Objectives – to raise awareness and promote the knowledge and skills of frontline health professionals in the recognition, response and referral of sexual abuse.

2.2 The priorities for 2019/20 are identified in Section 4 – Conclusion of this report.

2.3 The Merton and Wandsworth CCG safeguarding children statement has been updated and published on the external webpages:

https://www.mertonccg.nhs.uk/about-us/Governance/Pages/Child-safeguarding.aspx
https://www.wandsworthccg.nhs.uk/aboutus/Governance/Pages/Child-Safeguarding.aspx

2.4 The CCG’s training compliance is shown in Table 2:

Table 2 – CCG Training Compliance Safeguarding Children level 1 and Level 4:

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<td>82%</td>
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In 2019/20 work will be undertaken to ensure the compliance of CCG staff and commissioned services with the Intercollegiate Document - Safeguarding Children and Young People: Roles and Competencies for Healthcare Staff (2019). The following actions have been completed in this work stream:

- All staff for training reporting purposes are on the CCG reporting system ‘Workforce’ - including interim staff.
- Training levels are appropriate to role – ‘Workforce’ now reflects staff training requirements level 2 / 3 / 4 / 5.
- Modern Slavery e- learning module has been added to ‘Workforce’.
- The Named Nurse Child Protection in commissioned services have discussed their agency response to the new guidance at supervision with the Designated Nurse.
- Designated Nurse has raised the issue of compliance with the RCPCH 2019 guidance at provider safeguarding committees.

2.5 The GP training offer in Wandsworth is organised and delivered by the Named GP. The Named GP also coordinates and chairs the GP Forum – a regular meeting of the GP Designated Safeguarding Leads in Wandsworth. The Intercollegiate Document (2019) has extended both the knowledge, skills and competencies and hours of training required by GPs.
and the Named GP is working to ensure that GPs are aware and supported in achieving compliance. GPs and Primary Care staff are also signposted to the Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Board multi-agency training offer.

2.6 In 2018/19 the Named GP in Wandsworth delivered four safeguarding children training sessions (level 3) for Wandsworth GPs and practice staff; a total of 107 staff completed evaluation forms post training. The main staff group attending was GPs – 70%. The training included topics such as referral pathways into children social care, thresholds for referrals, child criminal exploitation (CCE), child sexual exploitation (CSE), ‘County Lines’, female genital mutilation (FGM), forced marriage, private fostering, online risks and fabricated and induced illness. All sessions were well evaluated in terms of session content and achieving learning outcomes of increased confidence and knowledge in knowing where to seek safeguarding advice and making safeguarding referrals.

Free text feedback on ‘One Take – Home Message’ included:

‘Contact the safeguarding team for advice with regards to any child presenting with a history that may be indicative of abuse or exploitation immediately’

‘Voice of the child! Always matters and always try to get their version of the incident’

‘The point about "virtual life" now being a major influencer of child mental health’

‘Better to do something about nothing than nothing about something’

2.7 In Merton the GP training offer has been to signpost GPs and practice staff to the Merton Safeguarding Children Board multi-agency training offer, safeguarding sessions in the primary care training programme and to host CCG Safeguarding Children Events. In 2018/19 two events were hosted by the CCG Safeguarding Team:

- 24/10/18 Level 3 Referral pathway into MASH / Signs of Safety Model in Merton / Trauma Informed Approach to Developing Resilience - Key Speaker Lisa Cherry
- 01/02/19 Level 4 Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) - Workshop presented by the Beam Project / Presentation by Designated Doctor Benedicta Ogeah / The Lighthouse Project in (North London)

Both events were well attended and evaluated.

2.8 Merton now has a Named GP in post and so future training events will be led by the Named GP and the Merton GP Forum will be launched in September 2019.

2.9 The Designated Nurse provides supervision (1-2-1) to the Provider Named Nurses on a quarterly basis or more frequently if requested. Supervision is undertaken at either the CCG base or that of the Named Nurse (NN). A record of the date of supervision is made and any notes of the session are agreed with the Named Nurse. Supervision notes are a brief synopsis of topics discussed and any actions.
Table 3 - Supervision Sessions Designated Nurse / Named Nurse:

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<th>Named nurse:</th>
<th>Dates: 2018/19</th>
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<td>SWL &amp; St Georges Mental Health Trust</td>
<td>09.05.2018</td>
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<tr>
<td>CLCH Merton</td>
<td>Not arranged* CLCH internal arrangements</td>
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<tr>
<td>St George’s Hospital Acute</td>
<td>04.06.2018</td>
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<td>St George’s Hospital Community</td>
<td>11.01.2018</td>
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<td>Epsom &amp; St Helier’s Acute****</td>
<td>28.06.2018</td>
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*No session arranged – however CLCH has internal supervision arrangements in place for NN.
** Vacancy – where no NN in post-supervision is offered to any staff acting into post / interim.
*** Cancelled session – telephone support is offered.
**** ESTH – this is telephone contact given MCCG is not the lead commissioner for this acute.

2.10 The CCG is a statutory member of the Local Safeguarding Children Board LSCB in Merton (MSCB) and Wandsworth (WSCB). Merton CCG is represented on the MSCB by the Director of Quality and Governance, Designated Doctor and Designated Nurse. Attendance at MSCB Board by a Merton CCG representative was 100% in 2018/19. Wandsworth CCG is represented on the Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB) by the Director of Quality and Governance, Designated Doctor and Designated Nurse. Attendance at WSCB Board by Wandsworth CCG was 100% in 2018/19.

2.11 The Children and Social Work Act 2017 abolished LSCBs and established Safeguarding Partnerships. The three statutory partners with equal responsibility and accountability for the oversight of the effectiveness and robustness of safeguarding children arrangements are the Local Authority, Police and Health - CCG. The CCG will be represented at the Merton Safeguarding Children Partnership (MSCP) and Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Partnership (WSCP) by the Director of Quality and Governance. In both Boroughs the new safeguarding children arrangements have been approved and published with the MSCP and WSCP going ‘live’ in June 2019.

2.12 The Children and Social Work Act 2017 makes significant changes to how child deaths will be reviewed. Under the new legislation, Child Death Overview Panel will no longer be borough based but be extended to cover a larger population. The South West London Child Death Review Panel will include the six London Boroughs within the STP, Croydon, Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth. This larger population, and in turn increased number of deaths to be reviewed, will lead to a more meaningful analysis of the data in terms to themes and trends. The requirement to publish plans as to how the new arrangements are
to be implemented across South West London in September 2019 has been met with the first South West London Child Death Review Meeting scheduled for 03/09/19.

2.13 The CCG Designated and Named Professional continue to contribute to safeguarding arrangements on a pan London and National level. The Designated Doctor is chair of the National Network of Designated Healthcare Professionals (NNDHP), which involves advising NHS England (NHSE), Department of Education (DfE) and Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). He also co-chairs the NHSE National Safeguarding Steering Group (NSSG). The Designated Nurses co-chair the London Children Looked After (CLA) Nurses Forum. In addition, the Designated Nurse Looked After Children is an advisory member of coramBAAF. The work of the Designated Professionals at a national level has benefitted both the CCG and the SWL Alliance in access to expert information and advice on child safeguarding.

2.14 In 2018/19 the CQC inspected the health services in both Richmond and Croydon under the Child Safeguarding and Looked After Children (CLAS) framework. This programme of inspections has been in place since 2013 and focuses on evaluating the quality and impact of local health arrangements for safeguarding children and improving healthcare for children who are looked after. A workshop for Designated and Named Professionals is planned for 2019/20 to prepare for such an inspection in Merton and Wandsworth.

3. Safeguarding Children Assurance Data from commissioned services

3.1 Merton and Wandsworth CCGs require provider organisations to submit information in regard to their safeguarding children arrangements and activity. The purpose of this reporting is to assure the CCGs that the services commissioned are safe, effective in achieving good outcomes for children and young people and comply with national guidance and statutory duties.

3.2 The healthcare providers submitting safeguarding children data are:

- South West London and St George’s Mental Health NHS Trust
- Central London Community Health Care (CLCH)
- St George’s University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- Epsom and St Helier University Hospital NHS Trust

3.3 South West London and St George’s Mental Health NHS Trust:

The Annual Report 2017/18 identified the following as areas of improvement for the Trust in 2018/19:

- Report on practitioner supervision compliance.
- Improve compliance with Prevent training.

The Trust has significantly improved safeguarding children training compliance, however, Prevent compliance requires further improvement. The Trust has reported on supervision compliance (Table 5) however, there is improvement required in practitioner compliance.
Table 4 - South West London and St George’s Mental Health NHS Trust Safeguarding children training compliance 2018/19:

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<th>Level of training</th>
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<td>Safeguarding Supervision – Safeguarding Team</td>
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<td>Safeguarding Supervision - Practitioners (Groups/Individuals)</td>
<td>81%</td>
<td>83%</td>
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3.4 The CQC inspected the Trust in February 2018 (report published June 2018) and a rating of ‘good’ was achieved. An area for improvement was the child and adolescent mental health ward, with specific reference to seclusion practices on the child and adolescent inpatient and forensic wards. Work has been undertaken by the Trust to address the issues raised by the CQC.

Link: [https://www.cqc.org.uk/provider/RQY/inspection-summary#overall](https://www.cqc.org.uk/provider/RQY/inspection-summary#overall)

3.5 The Trust is contributing to a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review in Merton, the learning from which will be published in 2019/20. Themes include joint working with other agencies to assess and understand risk, cultural sensitivity and the use of interpreting services and the interface between statutory services and third sector psychological therapies.

3.6 The Trust has contributed to a Learning Review in Wandsworth which is not required to be published, which highlighted the issue of adolescent mental health. In addition, the Trust participated in the delivery of a Learning from Experience Event in which the initial learning for the review was shared with practitioners and further recommendations formulated to improve the awareness of adolescent mental health and importance of early interventions.

3.7 The Trust has been represented at both the MSCB and WSCB, which has been challenging given the number of boroughs and LSCBs the Trust covers.

3.8 The following area remain as requiring for improvement in 2019/20:
• Improve practitioner supervision compliance.
• Improve compliance with Prevent training.

3.9 Central London Community Health Care (CLCH):

3.10 The Annual Report 2017/18 identified the following as areas of improvement for the Trust in 2018/19:

• Improvement in Level 2 safeguarding children training.

The Trust have achieved a good level of compliance at all levels of safeguarding children training and in supervision throughout 2018/19.

Table 6 - CLCH Safeguarding Children Training Compliance 2018/19:

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<th>Safeguarding Children Training % compliance</th>
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<th>Q4 Merton</th>
<th>Q4 Wands.</th>
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<td>Practitioners individual / group</td>
<td>100% / 87%</td>
<td>100% / 83%</td>
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<td>98% / 86%</td>
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<td>Safeguarding Team</td>
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3.11 The Trust was inspected by the CQC in September 2017 (report published February 2018) and achieved an overall rating of ‘good’.

3.12 The Trust has contributed to the progress of Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review and Learning Reviews in Merton and Wandsworth which are yet to be published.
3.13 The Trust has sought to demonstrate through a programme of practice audits and patient stories the impact of training and supervision on safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of children and families. The Trust having achieved high levels of supervision compliance is now seeking to demonstrate the impact and quality of their services.

3.14 The Trust has had representation at both the MSCB and WSCB in 2018/19.

3.15 No specific areas of improvement have been identified for 2019/20.

3.16 **St George’s University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust:**

3.17 The Annual Report 2017/18 identified the following as areas of improvement for the Trust in 2018/19:

- To report on and improve safeguarding children supervision compliance.
- To report on and progress the areas of improvements as highlighted by the Ofsted inspection report.

3.18 The Trust continues to work on its approach to supervision and in 2019/20 will launch a new supervision policy and as part of the supervision model undertake to train safeguarding supervisors. This will increase the capacity within the Trust to offer safeguarding supervision. Reporting systems are also under review. For 2019/20 Safeguarding Supervision remains an area of improvement. The Trust continues to work closely with the Local Authority to address the areas of improvement highlighted by Ofsted relating to the timeliness of health assessments of looked after children.

Table 8 - St Georges University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Safeguarding children training compliance 2018/19:

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3.19 CPIS (Child Protection Information System) has been successfully implemented by the Trust all in unscheduled care settings.

3.20 The Trust has been successful in the implementation of the Risk Identification System for female genital mutilation (FGM IS). This involves the Trust identifying women / children at risk and using an alert system on the NHS spine. In addition, the Trust is undertaking an audit of the effectiveness and quality of their maternity services in regard to the identification, assessment and management cases where FGM is a risk factor.
3.21 The Ofsted inspection of Wandsworth LA Children services (report published July 2018) highlighted areas for improvement with regard to the health of looked after children. Wandsworth CCG will be working closely with both the LA and Trust, who are commissioned to provide looked after children services, to ensure the recommendations are progressed and looked after children receive a service which is compliant with statutory guidance and achieves positive health outcomes.

3.22 The CQC inspection report (July 2018) rated the Trust ‘requires improvement’. The Trust has a CQC action plan in place.

Link: https://www.cqc.org.uk/location/RJ701

3.23 The following areas requiring improvement in 2019/20:

- To report on and improve safeguarding children supervision compliance.

3.24 **Epsom and St Helier University Hospital NHS Trust (ESTH):**

3.25 Actions identified in the Annual Report 2017/18 for 2018/19 were:

- Improve safeguarding training and supervision compliance.
- Implementation of CPIS.

The Trust has successfully implemented CPIS using the summary care record access (SCRa) method, however, an integrated system may be possible in the future. Safeguarding training and supervision compliance remains an area for improvement.

Table 9 - Epsom and St Helier University Hospital NHS Trust Safeguarding training compliance 2018/19:

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The Trust reports 100% safeguarding supervision for the safeguarding team, however no data is submitted for practitioners.

3.26 The Trust CQC overall rating (report May 2018) is ‘requires improvement’ and it should be noted the lead commissioner is Sutton CCG.

Link: https://www.cqc.org.uk/provider/RVR
3.27 The following areas require improvement in 2019/20:

- Improve safeguarding training and supervision compliance.
- Implementation of FGM IS

4. Conclusion and Priorities for 2019/20

4.1 The safeguarding priorities set for 2018/19 have all been successfully progressed with the exception of the capacity issue of Designated Professionals (safeguarding children, looked after children, safeguarding adults) in the shared safeguarding arrangements not being compliant with national and professional guidance. The shared arrangements which were approved by the CCGs, culminated in Designated Professionals covering two boroughs were implemented in February 2017. These shared safeguarding arrangements were at the time of implementation non-compliant with national and professional guidance and remain so to this day. The issue of non-compliance was raised at the time of implementation and referred to in subsequent reports. Future South West London safeguarding arrangements are an opportunity to review the safeguarding team establishment, with a view to the team meeting the required staffing to meet national and professional guidance.

4.2 The Merton and Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Partnerships will be in operation in 2019/20 and significantly the CCG will be an equal partner in the oversight and assurance of the effectiveness of child safeguarding arrangements. A safeguarding priority for 2019/20 will be to ensure the CCG fulfils the role in regard to representation and contribution to the activities and work of the new Partnerships.

4.3 The South West London Child Death Review Panel (CDRP) will be in operation in September 2019. This panel will review the child deaths of the six boroughs making up the South West London Alliance. This is part of the new child death arrangements established under the Child and Social Work Act 2017 and further outlined in the statutory guidance 2018. A safeguarding priority for 2019/20 will be to ensure the CCG fulfils its role in regard to representation and contribution to the activities and work of the SW London CDRP.

4.4 Child Protection Information System – phase 2 (CPIS – phase 2), is the roll out of this information system to primary care. A safeguarding priority for 2019/20 is for the Designated and Named professionals to work with NHSE to progress this project. The progress of CPIS - phase 2 is an NHSE priority for 2019/20*

4.5 Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) remains an NHSE priority* and the implementation of the FGM national reporting system (FGM-IS) has been a significant achievement. It is to be noted that FGM-IS has been fully implemented in St Georges University Hospital Trust. NHSE will be launching a Named Midwives Forum in 2019/20 and notably St Georges University Hospital Trust will be recruiting a named midwife in 2019/20. The Designated Nurse will ensure the Named Midwife is linked into the NHSE Named Midwives Forum. In addition, NHSE will be focussing on the development services for non-pregnant women who have undergone FGM. FGM will remain a CCG safeguarding priority for 2019/20.

4.6 The new and emerging safeguarding risks to children and young people are highly complex. NHSE have promoted ‘Contextual Safeguarding' through the NHS App and NHSE conferences and events as a way of better understanding and addressing safeguarding risks to children that exist beyond the family such as Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE), serious youth violence and the internet. A safeguarding
4.7 A safeguarding priority for 2019/20 work will be to continue to ensure the compliance of CCG staff and commissioned services with the Intercollegiate Document - Safeguarding Children and Young People: Roles and Competencies for Healthcare Staff (2019). Significant progress has been made in regard to the reporting process – Workforce. In addition, a Modern Slavery training module has been added (April 2019).

4.8 The Mental Capacity (Amendment) Act 2019 replaces the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLs) with the Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS). The new legislation comes into force in 2020. It is designed to produce a more ‘streamline’ approach to the authorisation, assessment and renewal of liberty deprivations. Significantly the legislation is extended to include 16 and 17 year olds and to any setting – including private and domestic settings. The ‘acid test’ as to what constitutes a restriction of liberty remains as someone under ‘continuous supervision and control and not free to leave’. A safeguarding priority for 2019/20 will be to ensure both CCG and commissioned services are aware of their responsibilities under this new legislation for 16 – 17 year olds through training and briefings.

*Link: https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/safeguarding-annual-update/