

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

NHS Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

- Your organisation's role in community safety and supporting vulnerable members of the community
 - Promotion of safety and wellbeing for vulnerable older residents living in their own home
 - Partnership working (e.g. with the Council, Police, voluntary and community sector, other initiatives, etc.)
 - Any key issues around this scrutiny topic that you feel need to be highlighted
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Below is a summary of the role of the CCG in relation to safeguarding which supports how we help protect vulnerable older residents living at home. The *Safeguarding Children, Young People and Adults at Risk in the NHS: Safeguarding Accountability and Assurance Framework* provides further detail of our statutory duties:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/safeguarding-children-young-people-adults-at-risk-saaf.pdf>

- The CCG is responsible in law for the safeguarding element of services we commission. As commissioners of local health services, our role is to assure ourselves that organisations from which we commission have effective safeguarding arrangements in place.
- The CCG must demonstrate that our designated experts (for children, children in care and adults), are embedded in the clinical decision-making of the organisation, with the authority to work within local health economies to influence local thinking and practice and the capacity to do so.
 - Director of Nursing and Quality is a statutory member of Teesside Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB).
 - The Head of Quality and Adult Safeguarding is a member of key TSAB sub groups (development of local policy, training and reviewing serious adult reviews/ lessons learnt, robust Mental Capacity Act processes); representative on domestic homicide reviews; attend key provider / local authority safeguarding meetings such as domestic abuse groups, CQC sharing information groups.
- Through the NHS Long Term Plan the ICSs will have a key role in working with LAs at 'place' level, the CCG will make shared decisions with providers on population health, service redesign and Long Term Plan implementation. To note, the PCNs will be at the centre of these ICSs; building on the core of current primary care services enabling greater provision of proactive, personalised, coordinated and more integrated health and social care systems.
 - Participate in procurement reviews and service specification developments / reviews to ensure safeguarding is included.

- The CCG safeguarding roles are integral to the development of these networks to support, guide and peer review adults at risk.
 - Provide day to day safeguarding advice and attend safeguarding strategy meetings.
 - Policy development.
- The CCG is responsible for ensuring the Intercollegiate Document for Safeguarding Children, the Intercollegiate Documents for Looked after Children and the Intercollegiate Document for Safeguarding Adults is implemented.
 - Review and monitor providers safeguarding training.
 - Provide primary care safeguarding training to ensure they can recognise and report safeguarding concerns.
- The CCG designated safeguarding professionals must play an integral role in all parts of the commissioning cycle, from procurement to quality assurance as safeguarding forms part of the NHS Standard Contract (Service Condition 32).
- The CCG work with the Local Authority / Police as key stakeholders to ensure access to community resources that can reduce social and physical isolation for adults.
- CCGs gains assurance from all commissioned services, both NHS and independent healthcare providers, throughout the year to ensure continuous improvement.
 - Commissioner assurance visits to health providers.
 - Attend key providers and local authority safeguarding meetings.

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