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Title of paper	Safeguarding Annual Report
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The Governing Body is asked to:
Approve

Summary of purpose and scope of report
<p>This report provides an overview of the safeguarding activity across the 5 CCGs during 2014-15. This is the second year of reporting.</p> <p>Safeguarding Children is a statutory responsibility for NHS organisations and the requirements for the leadership to be provided by CCGs was set out in the NHS England Accountability and Assurance Framework (2013, revised 2015).</p> <p>Safeguarding Adults, although not a statutory responsibility, has been a requirement of NHS organisations as set out in the NHS England Accountability and Assurance Framework (2013, revised 2015). On 14th May 2014, following agreement by both Houses of Parliament, the Care Bill received Royal Assent in parliament to become the Care Act 2014, enacted from April 1st 2015. This Act reforms the law relating to care and support for adults and the law relating to support for carers, to make provision about safeguarding adults from abuse or neglect, to make provision about care standards, to establish and make provision about Health Education England, to establish and make provision about the Health Research Authority, and for connected purposes.</p> <p>All NHS organisations, including CCGs, are required to provide an annual report on safeguarding children that links to the Children Act 2004 Section 11 requirements. It is seen</p>

as good practice to align the safeguarding adults to this reporting framework.

CCGs are also required to demonstrate that they have appropriate systems in place for discharging their statutory duties in terms of safeguarding this includes the need to have in place the following:

- Clear line of accountability
The executive leadership role for safeguarding is delegated by the Chief Accountable Officer to the Director for Quality, Nursing and Patient Safety.
- Policies for safeguarding, safe recruitment and for dealing with allegations against people who work with children and adults.
The CCGs comply with the national statutory requirements and London procedures for safeguarding children and adults. Safeguarding policies are in draft, following substantial work in relation to national changes, and will be submitted for approval by the Governing Bodies during 2015-16.
- Staff are appropriately trained to carry out their responsibilities for safeguarding.
*The safeguarding team is up to date with their training and has access to appropriate supervision either on a one to one basis or via a London peer network.
Safeguarding children and adults training is part of the mandatory training programme for all staff employed by the CCGS.*
- Effective inter-agency working with Local Authorities including within the operation of Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs), Safeguarding Adult Boards (SABs) and Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBBs).
The CCGs are effectively engaged with the work of the Local Authorities with clear membership of the LSCBs, SABs via the Director for Quality, Nursing and Patient Safety. The Managing Director for the respective CCG takes responsibility for membership of the HWBBs.
- Ensuring effective arrangements for information sharing.
The CCGs have arrangements in place for sharing information across the health economy and with partner agencies for children. The CCGs will review the arrangements in relation to adults in line with the requirements of the Care Act 2014.
- Ensuring the access to the expertise of Designated Doctors and Nurses for Safeguarding Children, Looked After Children and Designated Paediatricians for unexpected deaths in childhood.
The CCGs have been compliant in their safeguarding structures and where there have been vacancies these have been covered through the CWHHE team

arrangements. Vacancies held during 2014-15:

- *Central London and West London CCGs had previously had part time Designated Nurses for Safeguarding Children who both left in the autumn of 2014. A replacement Designated Nurse to cover both CCGs commenced in January 2015*
- *Ealing's Designated LAC post holders are due to take up posts during the summer of 2015*
- *Hounslow 's Designated LAC Professionals – the post holders took up their posts mid-2014. The Designated Nurse for safeguarding Children left in January 2015 and was successfully replaced in March 2015.*
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- *Having an Adult Safeguarding Lead role and a Lead for Mental Capacity Act (MCA) These roles are in place and will be reviewed during 2015-16 to ensure compliance with the Care Act 2014.*

The process for gaining annual assurance from the main provider trusts has focused on checking the respective Trust Board minutes to ensure that there is corporate responsibility for safeguarding. In addition, the safeguarding work of the CCGs has been reviewed in relation to key achievements and challenges as well as engagement with the Local Safeguarding Boards.

The report identifies the extent to which the CCGs can be assured that they and their commissioned services are effectively discharging their safeguarding functions. It also highlights areas where improvements are required for the CCGs to ensure that there are effective systems in place to safeguard children and adults in the future. Where there are commonalities across CWHHE these will be covered once. Where achievements/ challenges differ these will be identified on an individual CCG basis.

Key messages from this report

- The CCG can be assured that its safeguarding arrangements are in place or, where there are gaps, mitigating actions have been taken

The CCG can be assured that the trusts from which it commissions its main services have their safeguarding arrangements in place to keep children and adults safe.

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Quality & Safety/ Patient Engagement/ Impact on patient services:

No patient engagement was necessary

Finance, resources and QIPP

- None

Equality / Human Rights / Privacy impact analysis

Effective safeguarding and patient safety are managed through quality service provision taking into consideration the rights of children and adults. Accordingly equality and diversity issues are considered at all levels and benchmarked against the Equality Act 2010.

Risk	Mitigating actions
<p>The issues is aligned to Risk 2 and 3 of the Board Assurance Framework</p> <p>The risk involves a failure to provide high quality services to support vulnerable children and families or safeguarding adult arrangements.</p>	<p>Priorities have been set for 2015-16</p>

Supporting documents

- Safeguarding Annual report

Governance and reporting

Committee name	Date discussed	Outcome
Name	DD/MM/YYYY	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hounslow CCG Quality Committee 	October 2015	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central London CCG Quality Committee 	October 2015	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West London CCG 	TBC	

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<p>Quality Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammersmith & Fulham CCG Quality Committee • Ealing CCG Quality Committee 	<p>October 2015</p> <p>October 2015</p>	
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