

NHS Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group

Safeguarding Children Annual Report

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Summary:

The 2019/2020 Children Safeguarding Annual report provides an overview of safeguarding activities across NHS-provided and funded services. The aim of this report is to offer assurance on how Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group (BCCG) met its statutory functions over the period and before its transition from April 1st 2020 into the NHS South East London Clinical Commissioning Group.

Keys areas covered in the report:

- Purpose of the Report – Safeguarding Assurance
- Compliance
- New NHS Safeguarding Programmes of Work
- Safeguarding Context in Bromley
- Multi-Agency Working
- SEND Special Educational Needs and Disability
- Learning Disabilities Mortality Review (LeDeR)
- Safeguarding Serious Case and Learning Reviews
- Supporting Safeguarding within Primary care
- Safeguarding Supervision
- Key Objectives for 2020/21

Glossary of Terms

ACEs	Adverse Childhood Experiences
BCCG	Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group
BSCB	Bromley Safeguarding Children Board
BSCP	Bromley Safeguarding Children Partnership
CASPA	Children on the Autistic Spectrum Parent's Association
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
CDOP	Child Death Overview Panel
CLA	Children Looked After
CPP	Child Protection Plan
CQC	Care Quality Commission
CQRG	Clinical Quality Review Group
CSC	Children's Social Care
CSE	Child Sexual Exploitation
CSPR/LR	Child Safeguarding Practice Review /Learning Review
CYP	Children and Young People
CQRG	Clinical Quality Review Groups
DHR	Domestic Homicide Review
ECS	Enhanced Community Services
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
GP	General Practitioner
ICP	Integrated Care Provider
ICPC	Initial Child Protection Conference
ICS	Integrated Care System
PCN	Primary Care Network
IRIS	Identification and Referral to Improve Safety
LeDeR	Learning Disabilities Mortality Review
LES	Local Enhanced Service
MACE	Multi-Agency Child Exploitation
MARAC	Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference
MASH	Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub
MEGA	Missing, Exploitation and Gangs Affiliation
NHSE/I	NHS England/Improvement

PCIG	Performance Challenge and Impact Sub-Group
SCR	Serious Case Review
SEND	Special Educational Needs & Disability
SEG	Safeguarding Executive Group
VASG	Vulnerable Adolescents Sub Group
WTE	Whole Time Equivalent

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1.0 Introduction

This Annual Children Safeguarding report provides an overview of safeguarding activities across NHS-provided and funded services. The aim of this report is to offer assurance on how Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group (BCCG) met its statutory functions in 2019/20. It outlines key achievements using the Safeguarding Children strategic priorities for 2019/20.

At the beginning of April 2020 BCCG ceases to exist, having joined with 5 other CCGs to create NHS South East London Clinical Commissioning Group. It is this organisation that will be responsible for taking on the statutory functions and delivering on priorities in future years.

Over the period of this report, BCCG has had a statutory duty under the Children Act 2004 to provide assurance that all Health Care Services commissioned, contracted and provided have robust processes in place to protect both adults and children from abuse, harm and neglect.

During this time BCCG has held the responsibility to seek assurance that safeguarding is integral to service development, commissioning, clinical governance and risk management arrangements across the organisation and provider services. This is met by working in close collaboration with Bromley health providers, the Local Authority and the police, supported through statutory guidance in Working Together (2018) to provide strategic leadership and offer health advice, support and guidance in areas of safeguarding.

2.0 Purpose of Report – Safeguarding Assurance

The purpose of this report is to ensure that BCCG Quality Assurance Sub-Committee and the Governing Body are informed of the progress and developments in the local and national Safeguarding Children agenda during the year 2019 - 2020.

BCCG is the major commissioner of local health services in Bromley and is responsible for safeguarding quality assurance through contractual arrangements with all provider services. It also works closely with Public Health who commission the 0 -19 Healthy Child Programme and Sexual Health Services.

This report seeks to assure the BCCG Quality Assurance Sub-Committee and the Governing Body that, where there are gaps identified in commissioned services, these organisations are held to account via the governance processes of BCCG and the Bromley Safeguarding Children Partnership (BSCP) formerly called Bromley Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB).

The report focuses on the Safeguarding Children agendas. A separate Annual Report has been produced for the Children Looked After aspects of BCCG's safeguarding portfolio.

3.0 Governance and Accountability

Leadership and responsibility for safeguarding at Governing Body level is achieved through the CCG Accountable Officer. The Executive Lead for safeguarding is held by the Director of Quality and Governance who holds the safeguarding leadership within BCCG. The Lead for Quality and Governance chairs the Safeguarding Executive Group (SEG) which has oversight of the Safeguarding Health Forum and the Children Looked After Forum. The Safeguarding Executive Group (SEG) feeds into the Quality Assurance Sub-committee who report to the Governing Body.

The clinical and strategic expertise of a Designated Doctor and Nurse for Safeguarding Children, Designated Doctor and Nurse for Children Looked after (CLA), Named GP and Designated Paediatrician for Child Death works in partnership to provide clinical expertise. They act as a vital source of advice to health economy, the Local Authority and the Bromley Safeguarding Children Partnership (BSCP)

3.1 Governance Structure

Fig.1: Structure



3.2 Safeguarding Children Team

BCCG Safeguarding Children and CLA designates work closely with their colleagues in Adult Safeguarding and operate as a single safeguarding team

within the CCG. This allows effective planning and management of safeguarding themes that cut across age groups and families.

BCCG Safeguarding Children Team consists of:

Safeguarding Children Designates	Post Details
Designated Doctor	0.4 WTE Julia Hale
Designated Nurse	0.8 WTE Rebecca Saunders
Admin Support	0.5 WTE Interim
Children Looked After Designates (CLA)	Post Details
Designated Doctor	0.2 WTE Sonia Shetty
Designated Nurse (This role also has oversight of Care leavers 18-25 yrs)	0.6 WTE Claire Graham
Admin Support	0.5 WTE Interim
Named GP Safeguarding Children	Post Details
Named GP (In addition 0.1 WTE is diverted to provide admin support)	0.2 WTE Kate Dyer

4.0 Quality and Contract Monitoring

Safeguarding issues or concerns around quality and safeguarding have been monitored through several approaches.

- Clinical Quality Review Groups (CQRG).
- CCG Quality and Corporate Risk Registers.
- Safeguarding Executive Committee.
- Provider Safeguarding Assurance Committees.
- Contract Monitoring.

BCCG is committed to a policy of continuously improving the health and quality of healthcare for its population. In order to commission high quality care, the CCG will ensure that all risks arising from its activities or events, threatening the well-being of patients, staff and other stakeholders, are effectively identified, minimised and mitigated

against. The CCG safeguarding team may identify areas of practice which give cause for concern and will escalate any significant concerns with imminent risk to the Director of Quality.

The National Serious Incident Framework (NHSE 2013) set out the principles for serious incident management for all organisations in the healthcare system. When a serious incident occurs or involves the action of commissioning organisations, the CCG is accountable for its response to and management of, the incident in line with the framework document. Where the incidents involves safeguarding, the CCG safeguarding team support the Quality Lead in ensuring that safeguarding concerns are highlighted and addressed as part of the root cause analysis and action plans.

4.1 Procurement

The Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Children worked with commissioning colleagues in stages of the procurement processes for new services. This is to ensure safeguarding is an essential component of any newly commissioned services.

5.0 Safeguarding Supervision

The Designated Professionals provide continuing support and supervision to the Named Professionals within Bromley. The Designated Professionals also provide supervision, support and advice when required and on an individual case basis. The Designated Professionals have accessed regular supervision through the Designated Professionals network and through external 1-1 supervision.

5.1 External Safeguarding Fora

The Designates are members of the National Network of Designated Professionals, held quarterly. The Designated Nurse and Dr are members of the South East London CCG Alliance forum, held bi monthly.

The NHSE/I safeguarding platform is a virtual network for safeguarding practitioners to obtain national updates and peer support. The platform has been promoted across Bromley, with many practitioners signed up as members

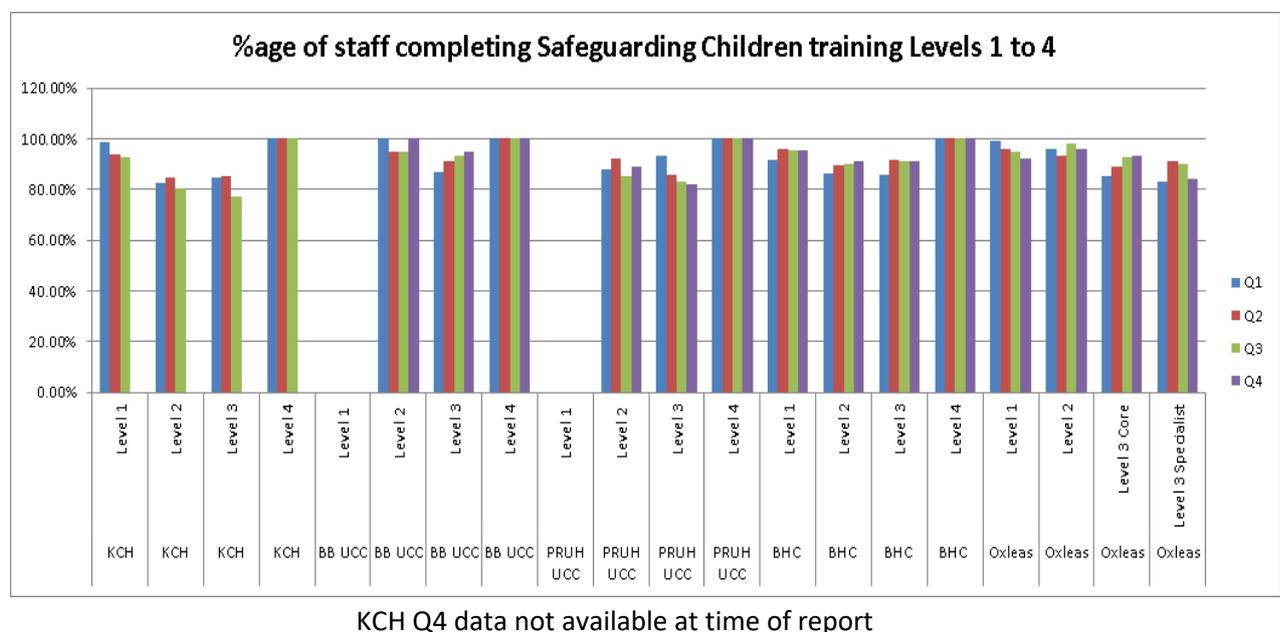
5.2 Challenges: 2019/2020

- Ensuring Safeguarding is a priority and included in all aspects of the commissioning cycle
- Develop Safeguarding structures and systems in light of substantial changes to Safeguarding Landscape.

6.0 Commissioned Services & CCG Safeguarding Training 2019/20

The Designated Professionals have developed a data set with different safeguarding indicators. Part of the requirements is that all NHS staff are required to have appropriate levels of knowledge and competence in line with the Intercollegiate Guidance (2019). Safeguarding training is essential to protect Children and Young People from harm and staff must know how to identify abuse and neglect and how to act on concerns.

Fig. 2: Safeguarding Children Training Data by Provider

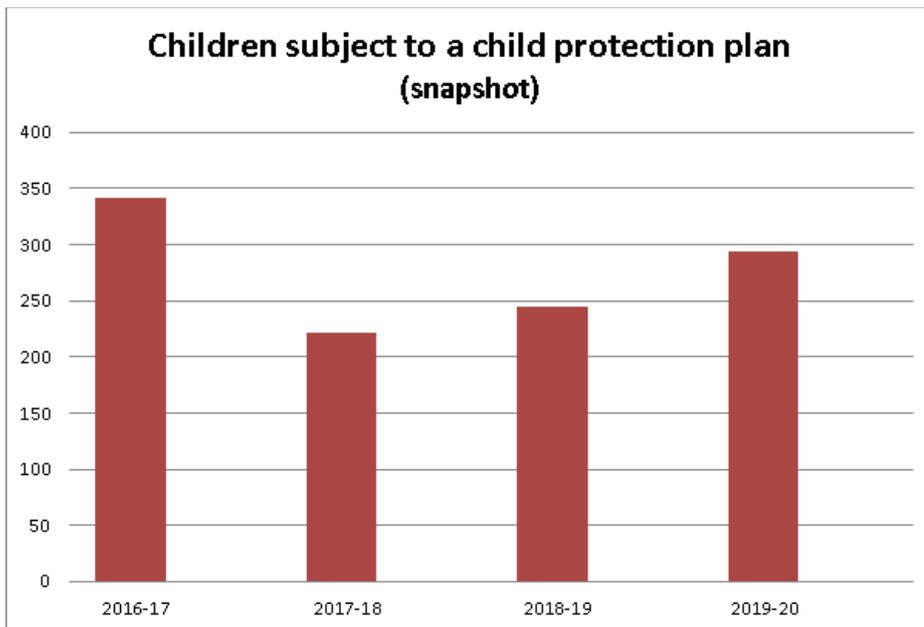


7.0 Safeguarding Context in Bromley

7.1 Children Subject to a Child Protection Plan 2019/20

There were 294 children subject to a Child Protection Plan (CPP) as at 31st March 2020 equating to 39 CPPs open per 10,000, which is below the last documented national figure of 44 in 18/19. After a reduction in 2017/18 the number of children subject to CPPs is showing an increase, see Fig.3 below.

Fig. 3: Number of Children Subject to CPP



3% of ceased plans lasted 2 years or more which is line with the latest national figure and 15% of CPPs started for a second or subsequent time vs 21% nationally. 97% of CPP reviews were held within timescale.

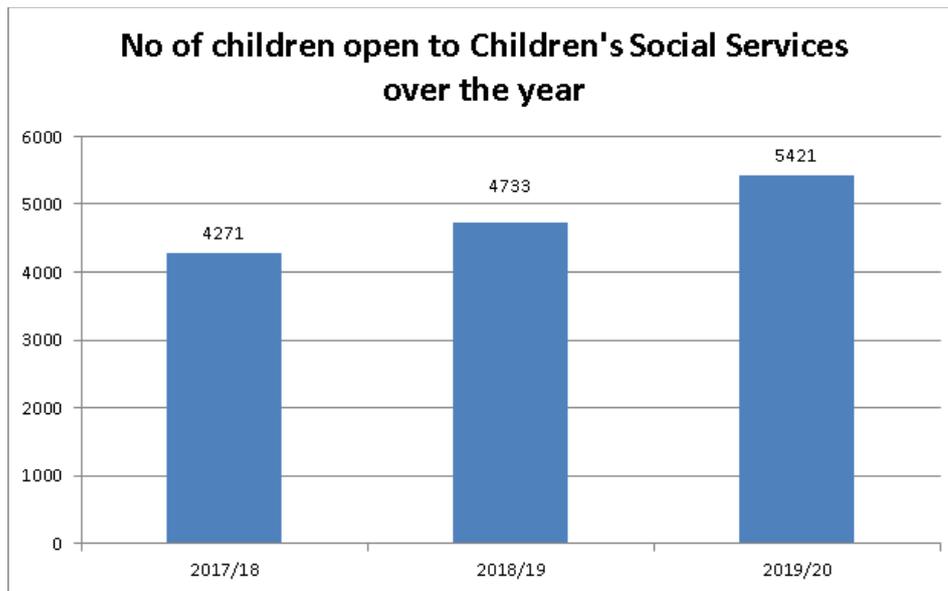
7.2 Children in Need

As defined under the Children Act 2004, a child in need is a child who is unlikely to reach or maintain a satisfactory level of health or development, or their health or development will be significantly impaired, without the provision of services, or where the child is disabled. The Department for Education Child in Need Census includes all children referred to CSC and any that are currently open cases, except cases where children have reached successful permanence and are being monitored for funding purposes.

Locally, Bromley's Child in Need cohort is those children who have been assessed as being in need by a completed Social Work Assessment (excluding Children Looked After, Care Leavers, Child Protection and Private Fostering). Children with a disability are categorised into further subcategories of Child in Need.

In 2019/20 5421 children were open to Children's Social Care at some point with 2419 open as at 31st March 2020, see Figure 4 below. This shows an increase in number and rate of growth year on year.

Fig. 4: Number of Children Open to CSC over the year



7.3 Section 47 investigations and Initial Conferences

In 2019/20 814 Section 47 enquiries commenced in the year as compared to 1132 and 1032 in the preceding 2 years. 446 children were the subject of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC) in 2019/20. This is virtually the same as in the previous year. The average monthly number remained at 37.

Per 10,000 children in Bromley in 2019/20, 59 children had an ICPC, compared to 62 last year; the latest national average was 65. 77% of ICPCs were conducted within 15 days of S47 which is slightly lower than the latest available national average of 79% in 2018/19. 87% of ICPCs have resulted in the child becoming subject to a CPP.

8.0 Partnership Working

The Executive Lead for Safeguarding and Designated Professionals attend the Safeguarding Children Board/Partnership. The Children and Social Work Act (2017) legislated that Local Safeguarding Children Boards were to be replaced and transitioned into New Safeguarding Children Partnerships by September 2019. Under the new legislation, the three Safeguarding Partners (CCG, Police and Local Authority) had to make arrangements to work together to Safeguard and protect the welfare of children in the area. Its job is to co-ordinate the work everyone who is working with children and their families in order to protect children effectively.

8.1 The Partnership Sub Groups are as follows:

8.1.1 Performance, Challenge and Impact Sub Group (PCIG)

The Sub-Group is central to effective functioning of the BSCP. The subgroup meets four times a year. The PCIG takes responsibility for monitoring standards in Safeguarding Arrangements and other operational aspects of Local Safeguarding. It checks how well single agency Safeguarding Arrangements are working and is able to provide robust challenge to improve practice and outcomes for Children and Young People.

8.1.2 Training Sub Group

The BSCP Training Subgroup evaluates the multi-agency training offered quarterly and additionally scrutinises single agency Safeguarding training.

8.1.3 Vulnerable Adolescents Sub Group (VASG)

The VASG coordinates and ensures effectiveness of the Partnership's strategic response to child and adolescent vulnerability.

8.1.4 Missing, Exploitation and Gangs Affiliation (MEGA) and the Multi Agency Sexual Exploitation Panel.

As per the London Child Protection Procedures and Practice Guidance Bromley has adopted a Multi-Agency approach to dealing with child exploitation in recognition that in all areas of exploitation there is often a planned criminal element. This includes activities such as grooming, county lines, sexual exploitation and cuckooing.

The MEGA Panel meets fortnightly. In Bromley all CYP known to be at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation, gang affiliation or missing are tracked through the MEGA Panel. The criteria for making a referral to the MEGA panel requires a level of risk to be medium to high as identified through the risk assessment tool. The MEGA panel enables available information to be shared across relevant partner agencies in relation to identified individuals with monitoring, reduction and mitigation of risk.

The Multi Agency Sexual Exploitation Panel incorporates mapping into the meeting to allow for better strategic decision making. This meeting is attended by senior managers including the Designated Nurse.

8.1.5 Child Safeguarding Practice Review Sub Group

The Designated Professionals provide health input and expertise to Serious Case Reviews and Learning Reviews, where a child has died or been harmed and there are Safeguarding concerns. This group meets quarterly. In addition, extra-ordinary meetings are held when the unexpected death or harm of a child requires further enquiry and cross partner investigation. The Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) now report

directly to the CSPR Group and Joint Area Responses updates are a standing agenda item.

8.2 Other areas of partnership working

The Designated Professionals for Safeguarding Children and Children Looked-After continue to provide Health update reports and present to the Safeguarding Partnership when required.

The Designated Nurses, Doctor and Named GP attend the Referral and Assessment meetings which contribute to and facilitate in the improvement of Multi-Agency working as well as ensuring the interface between Health and Children Social Care are effective and maintained.

A Safeguarding Children Health forum is held quarterly and is a platform for Safeguarding Leads and Designates, including Public Health, to come together to explore Local and National safeguarding themes and issues, and includes audit presentations and special interest speakers are invited to share knowledge and expertise of a particular area of Safeguarding Practice.

8.3 Partnership Priorities

The Partnership had four priorities for 2019/20:

- Local safeguarding Context: Including Domestic Abuse, Child Sexual Exploitation and Criminal Exploitation, Mental Health, Voice of the child with particular emphasis on Special Educational Needs and Children Looked After.
- Early Help and Early Intervention
- Strong Leadership and Strong Partnership Working
- Healthy Workforce

The Partnership's Priorities for 2020/202:

- Understanding Vulnerabilities.
- Health and Well-Being of Workforce.
- Focus On Getting the Basics Right.
- The Continuous Improvement in Safeguarding.

9.0 Serious Case Reviews and Learning Reviews

There is a statutory duty to conduct a Serious Case Review (SCR) when there has been a death or serious harm to a child or young person. In line with Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018) and Bromley's new Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements, the Child Safeguarding Practice new processes sit with the partnership.

Bromley Safeguarding Children's Partnership and BCCG have carried out a number of Serious Case Reviews and Learning Reviews completed in the year. Multi-Agency Action plans have been created and lunchtime learning events organised by the Partnership to share outcomes and learning. Several Multi-Agency sessions have taken place in 2019.

During 2019/2020 the Partnership completed the following reviews;

- A learning review with regards to a child being at risk of FGM
- A learning review regarding Serious Youth Violence
- A Serious Case Review relating to Child Sexual Abuse
- A Serious Case Review which was joint with Lambeth relating to a murder of a child.
- Commissioned and commenced a Learning Review relating to a child with disabilities
- Commissioned and commenced a DHR involving a learning review

9.1 Child Death Review

The Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Children is a member of Bromley's CDOP and provides professional opinion on safeguarding issues, in particular to support recommendations to Child Death Reviews, partners and other organisations, where actions have been identified which may prevent future deaths or promote the health, safety and well-being of children.

10.0 Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

The Children and Families Act 2014 aims to support local health services to implement the changes within the Act and the subsequent SEND code of practice. In essence there are 3 key areas of responsibility:

- Ensuring an oversight of health needs and provision
- Multi-agency strategic role within the local area SEND improvement agenda
- Coordination role in terms of service providers and partner organisations

BCCG has a full time Designated Clinical Officer for SEND. The Designated Clinical Officer works closely with the local authority to ensure the CCG is seen as a key partner in relation to SEND, both strategically and operationally and ensures that children's health needs are considered appropriately within the SEND improvement agenda.

The Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) SEND Local Area inspection took place in Bromley in September 2019. A SEND inspection aims to judge how successfully a local area has implemented the SEND reforms as per the Children and Families Act 2014 and looks at how well a local area identifies children and young people with SEND, how well they meet their needs and how they work together to improve outcomes.

The Bromley self-evaluation was judged secure by Inspectors, indicating that the Council, CCG and other partners know the local area well and have an accurate view of the performance and quality of our services. The local area has been found to have made progress in a number of areas and was not required to provide a written statement of action; a written statement of action is requested when local areas are not able to demonstrate the necessary progress.

Further work needs to be done to achieve the excellence in services we aspire to. This was evident in some of the feedback and it was reassuring that the areas for improvement identified by Ofsted and the CQC align closely to the areas for improvement already identified by the local area.

This year the CCG and the London Borough of Bromley have supported a NHS Citizen Exemplar Project that was funded by NHSE. The funding supported local areas to enable those whose voices are seldom heard and support them to share their views and shape local services. CASPA was commissioned to deliver the project with the following aims:

- Engage a group of young people with autism to become Young Advisors
- Support the young advisors to carry out a research project to gain the views and opinions of young people who have used Bromley services
- Provide recommendations that can inform the development of future services such as the Autism Centre of Excellence (a new free school for children and young people with Autism in Bromley)

The young advisors made a number of recommendations that would improve services and identified a number of benefits that they had gained from being involved in the project. The findings have already been used to inform the procurement of a new emotional wellbeing and mental health service.

11.0 Learning Disabilities Mortality Review (LeDeR)

The Learning Disability Mortality Programme is a National programme to review deaths of people over the age of 4 with a learning disability. The programme is aimed at improving the lives of people with Learning Disabilities through lessons learnt. The LeDeR does not replace Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) but facilitates the interface between CDOP and the death of a child or young person with a learning disability.

During 2019/20, the BCCG LeDeR steering group met to oversee the implementation of the programme of local reviews of deaths of people with learning disabilities as well as the interface with CDOP.

From April 2020, the LeDeR Programme is to be managed via NHS South East London CCG. Locally, Bromley have now developed quarterly “Actions from Learning meetings” to develop a local action log and implement system change built on lessons learned.

12.0 Supporting Safeguarding within Primary Care

12.1 Summary

BCCG successfully implemented the ninth year of an Enhanced Community Service (ECS) for Safeguarding. This year the ECS again included Safeguarding Adults as well as Children. Practices return a self-assessment which is used for quality assurance and needs assessment. The ECS is used to help support development of GP Safeguarding Children Practice Leads. The uptake of the ECS has increased this year.

12.2 Safeguarding Training

Practices are offered a training visit by the Named GP every 3 years to provide level 1 and 2 training. 14 Practice visits have been made this year. Level 3 training has been provided to Bromley GPs via 1 academic half day and 4 Practice leads training afternoons. Training included NSPCC Safeguarding From Harmful Sexual Practices, ACEs, ‘Was Not Brought’, County Lines, Fabricated and Induced Illness, Safer London Gangs Exit programme, Children Looked After, School Nurse and Early Intervention.

There were also 2 training afternoons particularly focusing on Safeguarding in the context of the emerging gang’s profile and 1 level 3 training afternoon for Practice Nurses on perinatal mental health and safeguarding.

Fig. 5: Training Levels

Staff Group and Training Level	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18
Practice staff Level 1	98% (532/544) NB most of this training was Level 1 & 2	82% (515/630)	89% (560/627)
Practice Managers and Safeguarding Administrators Level 2	48% (32/66) This is the first year we have measured this. From next year all Practice Staff will be measured at Level 2	N/A	N/A
Nursing staff Level 2	All nursing staff trained at level 3 (specialist)	88% (93/105)	94% (98/104)
Nursing staff Level 3 (specialist)	78% (88/118) (LES return indicates 97% 69/71 but Other data included to give the overall figure for Bromley PNs)	N/A	N/A
GPs Level 3 (Specialist)	98% (138/141)	87% (165/188)	97% (216/222)

Fig. 6: Number of Staff Trained

Level	sessions 19/20	numbers of staff trained 19/20
Level 1 and 2 practice visits	14	139
Level 3 nurse training sessions	1	80
Level 3 academic half days	1	317
Level 3 practice leads half days	4	52
Level 3 gangs training	2	16
Total		604

12.3 Monitoring and Audit

12.3.1 GP Safeguarding Procedures

In addition to the information obtained via the ECS an audit of GP safeguarding procedures including referral, advice seeking and contribution to CLA process was undertaken by questionnaire at the GP academic half day. 114 responses were received.

The outcomes were:

- Number of GP referrals for child safeguarding have increased a little and comments are generally positive.
- More GPs are now receiving feedback from Children's Social Care but 76% of GPs still do not to receive such feedback.
- GPs more often seek safeguarding advice than make a referral and their source of advice is varied. They appropriately seek advice from the Named GP but advice from Community Paediatricians could possibly be sought more often.
- Contact with the CLA team is low

12.3.2 Multiagency Reviews

Via the Named GP, Bromley GPs have also contributed to:

- Learning Review from which will become an audit to look at communication between Midwifery and GPs regarding FGM.
- Two Domestic Homicide Reviews. These are not yet complete but early learning is around the need for better information sharing between GPs and MARAC.

12.4 Priorities for 2020/21

The priorities for Primary Care for 2020/21 are:

- Training to continue via an Academic Half day available to all GPs and Practice Nurses, Practice Leads training afternoons and Practice visits. These will initially be virtual meetings.
- Training priority is safeguarding in the context of the Covid 19 pandemic.

12.5 Safeguarding Professionals

The Named GP for Safeguarding Children (2 sessions a week) attends the BSCP training and PCIG (formerly Quality Assurance) sub-committees and also the Safeguarding Children Health Forum, Children Looked After Health Forum, Bromley Healthcare Child Safeguarding meetings and BCCG Safeguarding Commissioning meetings.

The Named GP is supervised by the Designated Dr for Safeguarding Children and is part of the NHSE London Named GP Forum.

13.0 Key achievements against 2019/20 objectives and priorities

- To ensure BCCG continues to effectively discharge its statutory duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people. The CCG has secured the expertise of the Designated Professionals and the monitoring of providers through Quality Assurance Group, Clinical Quality Review Group, Safeguarding Committees, Contract Monitoring, contact with the safeguarding executive leads, supervision of the Named Professionals in provider organisations and obtained assurances through a Health Economy dataset which is scrutinised by the Safeguarding Partnership.
- To contribute and play a leading role within the work of the BSCP, working to strengthen safeguarding arrangements and outcomes and impact for children, young people and their families. The Designates have pro-actively contributed to and supporting the work of Bromley's Safeguarding Partnership by providing oversight from a Health perspective. The Designated Professionals are a statutory member of the sub group as contained in this annual report.
- To review and report on the progress of the BCCG's Safeguarding Strategy objectives, ensuring that they are well aligned with robust ways of ensuring, monitoring and measuring successful implementation and progress. The Safeguarding Children's team has worked with Adult Safeguarding to have a life course approach to Safeguarding. The 2020/2021 will be in line with the NHS SE London CCG and Safeguarding Partnership Strategy.
- To ensure the learning from Serious Case Reviews are shared with the Governing Body and are disseminated and embedded across the health economy. This has been a work stream through Partnership Working by monitoring within the Performance, Challenge and Impact Group and the Designates have contributed as subject matter experts to all Learning Reviews and Serious Case Reviews.
- The Designated Doctor to advise and provide support to providers to enable them establish systems and processes that will help them identify, respond and support children experiencing Child Sexual Abuse. This has been discussed at the National Network of Designated Professionals.

14.0 Key Objectives for 2020/21

The NHS Plan (2018) for CCGs to merge from six to one in South East London (Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark) will build on existing collaboration to form a single NHS South East London CCG, ensuring the following priorities for 2020/2021:

- To pro-actively work with the Safeguarding Children’s Partnership ensuring the priorities are aligned for the most effective and positive outcomes and strengthen Safeguarding Arrangement for Children and Young People within the Borough.
- To continue with strong leadership and partnership working with the Designated Professionals across South East London CCG, whilst balancing Borough-Based priorities.
- To continue to maintain effective assurance of Safeguarding Arrangements for Healthcare Services. BCCG has acknowledged the changing landscape of place-based system leadership with the introduction of Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) and Primary Care Networks (PCNs). Safeguarding must be considered in these new Integrated Systems, however, currently the responsibility to obtain assurance of such safeguarding services remains the remit of CCGs.
- To ensure Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews, Learning Reviews and Domestic Homicide Reviews are shared across NHS South East London CCG and at Borough Level, disseminating and embedding into practice.
- To work collaboratively with the Named GP to influence safeguarding practice, training and support within Primary Care.
- To ensure Adults and Children work together to “Think Family” with regards to Domestic Abuse and ensure the pathway in Bromley is robust whilst being underpinned by Multi- Agency Working.
- To work in conjunction with the Bromley Safeguarding Children Partnership, CCG Adults Safeguarding Team, the Bromley Safeguarding Adult Board and other partners to improve Safeguarding Transition arrangements for vulnerable older teenagers and young people into adulthood. This will include making sure there are robust joint working arrangements between children’s and adults services.

Appendix 1: National Guidance and Legislation

BCCG Safeguarding Team ensures that all providers are compliant with current legislation and statutory guidance, which includes:

- Children Act (1989)
- Children Act (2004)
- Children and Families Act (2014)
- Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018)
- Intercollegiate Document (2019): Safeguarding Children & Young People: Roles and Competences for Health Care Staff.
- Children and Social Work Act (2017)
- Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (Prevent)
- Female Genital Mutilation Risk and Safeguarding Guidance for Professionals (2016)
- Child Death Review Statutory and Operational Guidance (2018)
- Safeguarding Children, Young People and Adults at risk in the NHS : Safeguarding Accountability and Assurance Framework (2019)
- Safeguarding Children through Commissioning Policy Standards.