

South East London ICB Safeguarding Governance Framework

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Context and background

- The ICS Design Framework confirms the relevant statutory duties of CCGs regarding safeguarding transitioning to Integrated Care Boards (ICBs).
- National Quality Board (NQB) guidance set expectations that ICBs have the appropriate governance arrangements in place to ensure ongoing compliance for safeguarding statutory and legal duties.
- Assurance and oversight of safeguarding legal and statutory duties will be undertaken in south east London via the ICB Safeguarding subcommittee, which will report into the ICB Quality & Performance Committee. Membership of both committees will include representatives of Local Care Partnerships and other providers operating within the SEL Integrated Care Partnership system.
- National guidance further stipulates that ICBs will establish System Quality Groups with a role to routinely and systematically share and triangulate intelligence, insight on learning on matters relating to quality and safeguarding and report this to the ICB and Local Authority (LA) assurance groups. Membership of this group in SEL will include representatives of LCPs, local authorities and regulator representatives.
- Safeguarding arrangements in South East London will continue to be delivered via local Safeguarding Children Partnerships and Adult Safeguarding Boards.
- The SEL ICB will continue to fulfil its statutory and legal duties as the health partner alongside the police and local authorities.

Safeguarding Accountability for the SEL ICB Health: ICB Chief Accountable Officer

Executive Director responsibility for safeguarding: ICB Chief Nursing Officer

Safeguarding Structure at SEL and LCP:

South east London level

- ICB Chief Nurse
- Director of Quality – (safeguarding portfolio) reporting to ICB Chief Nurse
- Head of Safeguarding & SEND Governance and Assurance
- Designate lead for MCS/LPS

Local Care Partnership (place-level)

- Place COO/Executive
- Designate Nurse - CYP
- Designate Dr -CYP
- Designate Nurse – Adults
- Designate Nurse – CLA
- Designate Dr CLA
- Named GPs Adult & Children

Role of provider trusts

- NHS Trusts and CICs will continue to deliver their statutory safeguarding duties via internal safeguarding arrangements, reporting on provider compliance to Trust/CIC boards.
- NHS Trusts and CIC will continue to be members of the Local Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP) and Adult Safeguarding Boards and be represented on the new ICB System Quality Group.
- Designated professionals will attend provider safeguarding meetings to support wider SEL ICB safeguarding assurance.

Safeguarding arrangements for SEL Local Care Partnerships will continue via Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships and Adult Safeguarding Boards, Safer Community Partnerships. These partnerships will be represented at the ICB System Quality Group. Arrangements will include:

- Placed-based executive lead or delegated officer will build on existing relationships with safeguarding partnerships, provide strong leadership and ensure health fulfils its statutory functions at LCP / place level. This role will be supported by designated & named professionals.
- Designate and named professionals will attend local safeguarding/safer community partnerships and safeguarding boards
- Designated professionals will support the ICB with attendance at CDOP and share learning.
- Safeguarding designates, named professionals and provider safeguarding leads will support place safeguarding reviews, learning from reviews, and the monitoring of action plans.
- Designate professionals will ensure compliance with Section 11, national and local safeguarding reporting arrangements, supervision to named professionals and mandatory training compliance with commissioned providers.
- Designate professionals will work with commissioning and quality colleagues to ensure appropriate safeguards are in place to protect the vulnerable.
- The designate and named will support Corporate Parenting Boards, MACE, PREVENT, MARAC, MAPPA etc.
- LCPs will have mechanisms in place via borough designates and named professionals to ensure and support safeguarding compliance within primary care and locally commissioned services. Sharing learning and themes across primary care via named professionals.
- LCPs will have local arrangements to ensure safeguarding compliance, issues, themes, and learning are shared across borough and fed into the ICB safeguarding subcommittee and ICB System Quality Board.

Oversight and scrutiny

- Oversight of ICB statutory duties will be monitored via the ICB Safeguarding sub-committee of the ICB Quality & Performance Committee reporting to the ICB Board. The safeguarding sub-committee will meet at least quarterly and will be:
 - Chaired by ICB Chief Nurse
 - Attended by designates & named professionals and provider safeguarding leads
 - Attended by LCP COO/exec leads
- The ICB System Quality Group (SQG) will report to the ICB Quality & Performance Committee and local authority assurance groups (to be defined) to provide assurance and to routinely and systematically share and triangulate intelligence, insight on learning on matters relating to quality and safeguarding. This group will be attended by ICS providers and representatives from south east London local authorities.
- SQG will identify concerns/risks and opportunities for improvement and learning, including addressing inequalities.
- There will be a SEL level 6 weekly designate & named professional forums (Adults, CYP, CLA & SEND) will continue and evolve into combined forums to encourage sharing themes and learning in a Think Family approach.
- Designate leadership for safeguarding portfolios will reflect national and local safeguarding priorities
- LPS Steering Group (linking to providers and local authority steering groups) will be established. These will be chaired by Head of Safeguarding & SEND Governance and Assurance (to note delay in LPS implementation).

Assurance mechanisms, themes, and shared learning

- Responsible for the provision of effective clinical, professional, and strategic leadership from health to safeguarding, including the quality assurance of safeguarding through contractual arrangements with all provider organisations and agencies, including independent providers.
- SEL ICB will be required to demonstrate compliance via statutory reporting including:
 - Section 11 audits
 - Safeguarding Commissioner Assurance Toolkit (SCAT)
 - Safeguarding Review Case Tracker
 - CDOP reviews
 - Mandatory training compliance
 - Supervision
- Placed based safeguarding assurance will take place via 6 weekly meetings and safeguarding sub-committee reporting .
- The safeguarding subcommittee will report into the ICB Quality and Performance Committee.
- Safeguarding learning and areas of improvement and triangulation of safeguarding themes will identified and reported via the ICB System Quality Group.
- The ICB Chief Nurse (representing safeguarding) will report to the ICB Board on all matters related to safeguarding.

Internal Escalations

- Safeguarding escalations to ICB CNO and safeguarding partnerships and boards:
 - agreed at the 6 weekly 'Think Family' forums via designates, Head of Safeguarding & SEND Governance and Assurance and Director of Quality
 - agreed with provider safeguarding leads
 - discussed by CNO/directors of quality.

External Escalations

- Agreed external safeguarding escalation via the ICB CN /ICB CEO to:
 - NHSEI Region Chief Nurse
 - Regional Director of Nursing for Safeguarding
 - NHSEI Joint Regional System Oversight Group.