

## Safeguarding at the HEART of everything

### Safeguarding is EVERYONE's business

#### National Safeguarding Collaborative

We had an impactful presentation from the Fire Bridge Head of Safeguarding about organisational culture and the impact of how toxicity undermines psychological safety required for safeguarding. [National Fire Chief Council Deep Dive - Presentation by Donna Bentley](#)

We heard about the inspiring impact of Social Prescribing Advisors on vulnerable adults and children via primary care networks.

[Social Prescribing Deep Dive - Presented by Michelle Pilling](#)

We heard from the departing DHSC Health Reforms Facilitator on how we must sustain working together with ICBs for the Working Together Regulations to work to safeguarding all children and families with children. [Multi-agency child safeguarding reform health facilitator legacy - Presented by Helen Adams](#)

#### Safeguarding Adult National Network (SANN)

We recorded the highest attendance of 162 members in attendance, with ten new members joining the network.

We had a very impactful presentation from Rachel Garton Clinical Fellow, and her colleague Verity Comely, Programme Delivery Manager shared with SANN members, on 'Understanding NHSE Commitment to Carers and resources that can support your work'.

[Understanding NHS England's Commitment to Carers](#)

We heard from the Chair of the 'People in Position of Trust' (PiPoT) task and finish who presented the outcomes of their work and shared with members the three rapid reads that they have developed that have been shared across the system.

[PiPoT and the role of Professional Bodies Final slides](#), [7 minute briefing PiPoT and Regulators](#) [7 minute briefing PiPoT and DBS](#) [7 minute briefing What is PiPoT](#)

NHS Safeguarding keeps you updated on safeguarding & trauma informed practice via our free [NHS Safeguarding App](#) (L1) and our [NHS Safeguarding Future NHS learning platform](#) (L2+) if you are more professionally curious and our [Safeguarding Webinars & Learning Together Weeks - NHS Safeguarding Workspace - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](#) (L3+)

#### National Named GP Network (NNGP)

In 2021, the NNGPs for Safeguarding formed a Task and Finish group to review the coding in the electronic GP record. This group agreed a list of key primary care safeguarding codes, a number of which (15) were not in existence. Following application to the national SNOMED team in 2022 these were added to the official code list in April 2023.

The key safeguarding code list is therefore now complete and will shortly be circulated via Named GPs for Safeguarding to practice leads. This will ensure all primary care clinicians will be working to the same safeguarding code list.

The NNGP recognises that the current guidance regarding documentation in the record of domestic abuse perpetrators can result in confusion. This is a complex area, and the current guidance advises not to document anything in the perpetrator record. Named GPs have raised that this is against the principles of safeguarding and information sharing, which has also been a finding in Domestic Homicide Reviews. A task and finish group has been established by the NNGP to explore options to support GPs in their decision-making in this area.

"As ICBs develop, their larger size has led to multiple Named GPs working for one ICB. The co-chairs of the NNGP propose that a new mandatory post of Designated GP for Primary Care Safeguarding is created for ICBs. This post would advise the executive and support and lead the Named GPs."

#### National Network of Designated Healthcare Professionals for Children (NNDHP)

We hosted a very successful conference day (online) 'Touchpoints Throughout Life's Course' with over 220 participants. We had presentations from several highly respected people on issues such as Professor David Taylor-Robinson talking about Childhood adverse events and outcomes, Professor Vivette Glover - Stress in Pregnancy: Effects on the Unborn and Professor Amanda Sacker – Children Grown-up: Outcomes for Looked after Children. A film presentation on the effects of COVID on young people's health and wellbeing.

The regular weekly dial-in meetings continue to be well attended, with a number of professionals coming to talk with the attendees on a range of issues. This month we discussed Accelerated Access to GP records and the associated safeguarding concerns and Hannah Kirkbride CEO of Career Matters who talked about the work of her charity, which promotes career opportunities for care leavers, and created the THRIVE online platform. <http://www.career-matters.org/> <https://www.career-matters.org/career-matters-thrive-platform/>