

Safeguarding Adults & Children Annual Report

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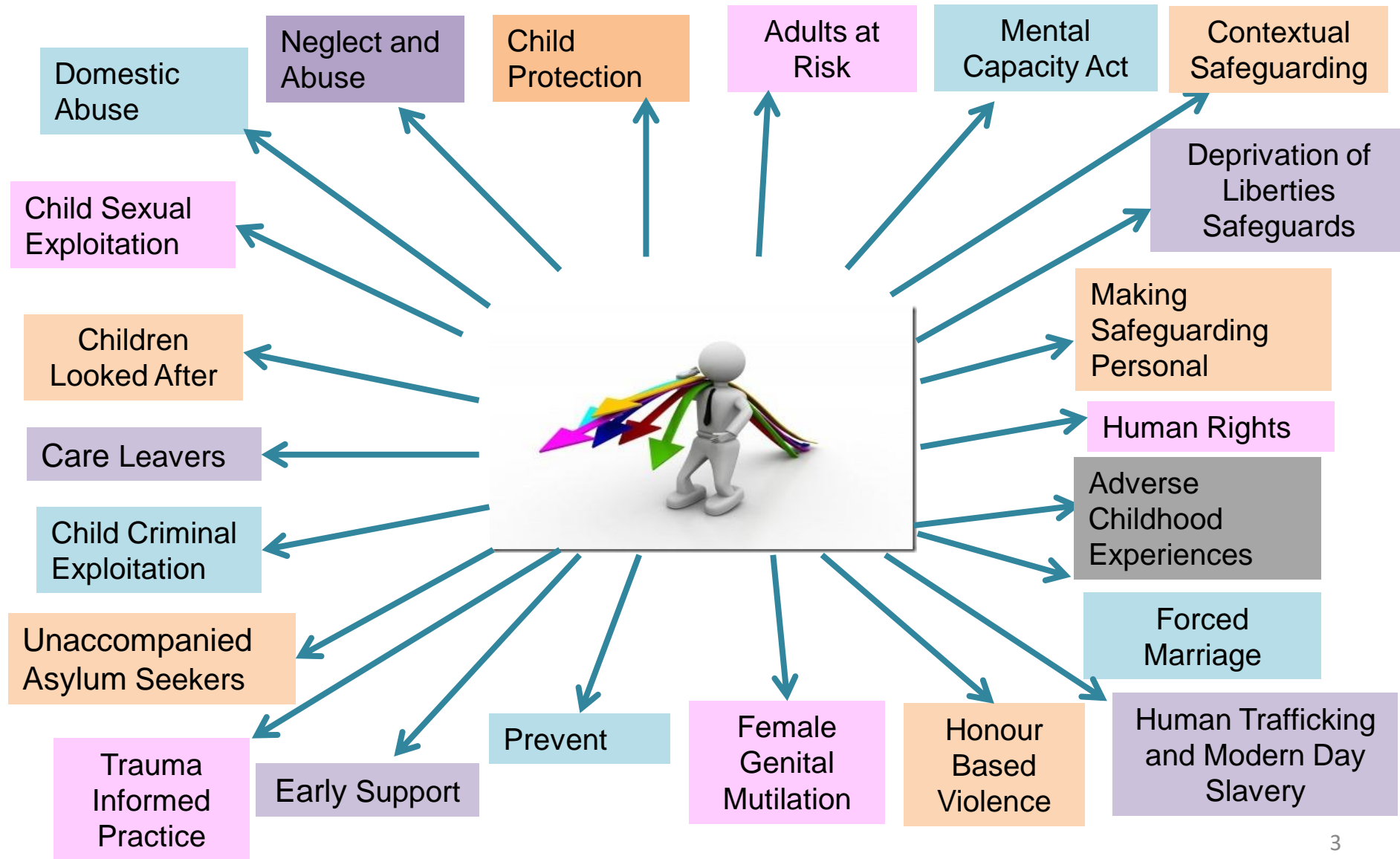
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This Annual Report:

Provides an overview of the work undertaken by the CCG shared Safeguarding Team in the last year to demonstrate and provide assurance to the Governing Body, that the CCG has discharged its statutory and legislative responsibilities for Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk of abuse or neglect

Scope of Safeguarding



CCG responsibilities: A clear line of accountability for safeguarding, reflected in the CCG governance arrangements i.e. a named executive lead to take overall leadership responsibility & employs or secures the expertise of Designated Professionals to provide health leadership and expertise across local area

Shared CCG's Safeguarding Service (MOU in place)

Executive Safeguarding Lead
Chief Quality and Nursing Officer

Head of Nursing and Safeguarding
(also holds role of Designated Nurse Safeguarding Adults Kirklees)

Kirklees CCG

Calderdale CCG

Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children

Designated Nurse Safeguarding Adults

Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children, Children Looked After and Care Leavers

Designated Nurse Safeguarding Adults

Named GP Adult
Named GP Children

Named GP Children
Named GP Adults

Deputy Designated for Children and Adults

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Safeguarding Support Officer

CCG also responsible for securing the expertise of Designated Professionals on behalf of Health system so includes:

Designated Doctor - Safeguarding Children

Calderdale : Commissioned from CHFT

Designated Paediatrician - Sudden Unexpected deaths in Childhood (SUDIC)

Calderdale : Commissioned from CHFT

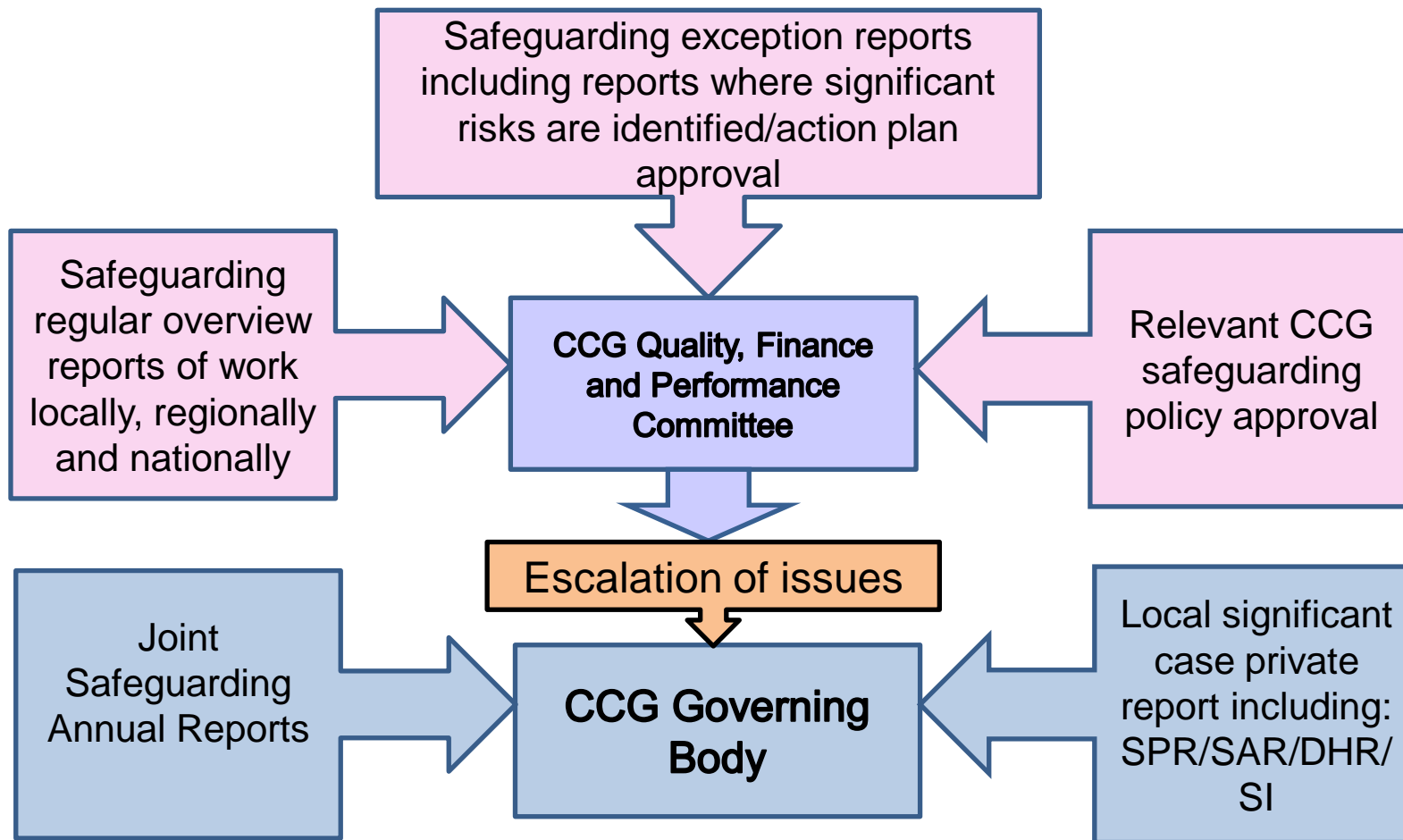
Designated Nurse – Children, Children Looked After and Care Leavers

Calderdale CCG

Designated Doctor – Children Looked After

Calderdale: Commissioned from CHFT

CCG Governance arrangements for reporting Safeguarding:



Safeguarding Adults and Children requirements articulated on the Governing Body Assurance Framework (GBAF)

Children Looked After (CLA) in Calderdale:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/41/contents>

Designated Nurse for Children Looked After and
Care Leavers CCGG

**Designated Doctor Children
Looked After** (commissioned
from CHFT)

Children Looked After (CLA) Clinical Team
(Commissioned from CHFT)

Governance and CCG Oversight:

Joint performance monitoring with CCG Designated Nurse & LA

Regular reporting to CHFT Safeguarding Committee (attended by Designated Nurse's)

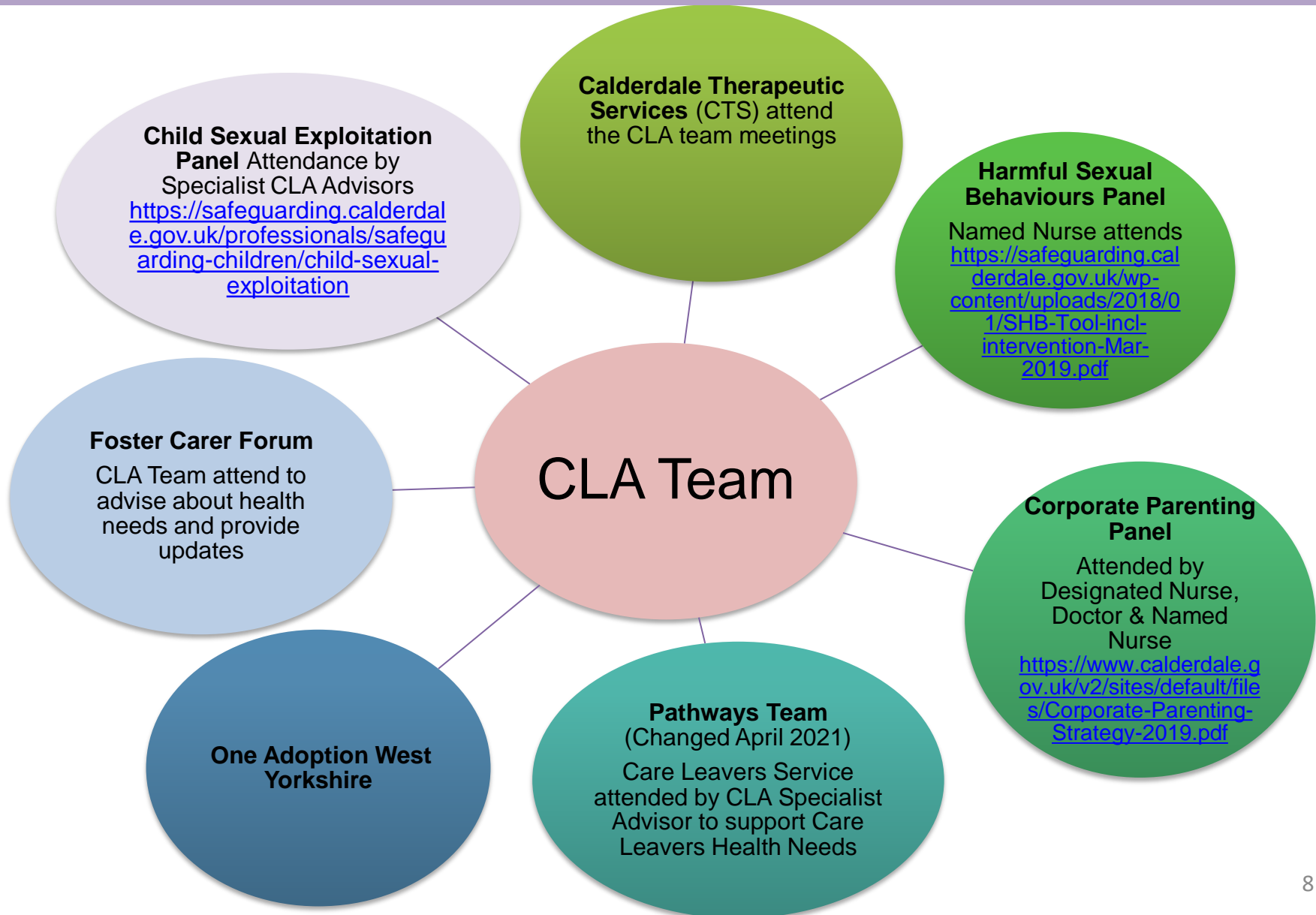
Named Nurse for CLA has Regular 1:1 meetings with CCG Designated Nurse

Regular reporting of data to CCG Quality Committee

Annual Looked After Children report shared with CCG Quality Finance and Performance Committee

Regular attendance at Local Authority Corporate Parenting Board

Children Looked After (CLA) Team Partnership Working:



Examples of wider engagement work conducted by CLA Team

Attendance by Designated Nurse & Doctor at Yorkshire & Humber Looked After Children's Regional Network

Attendance by the Designated Nurse at NHS England Looked After Children's Network

Regular meetings with Kirklees CLA meeting to share good practice and ways

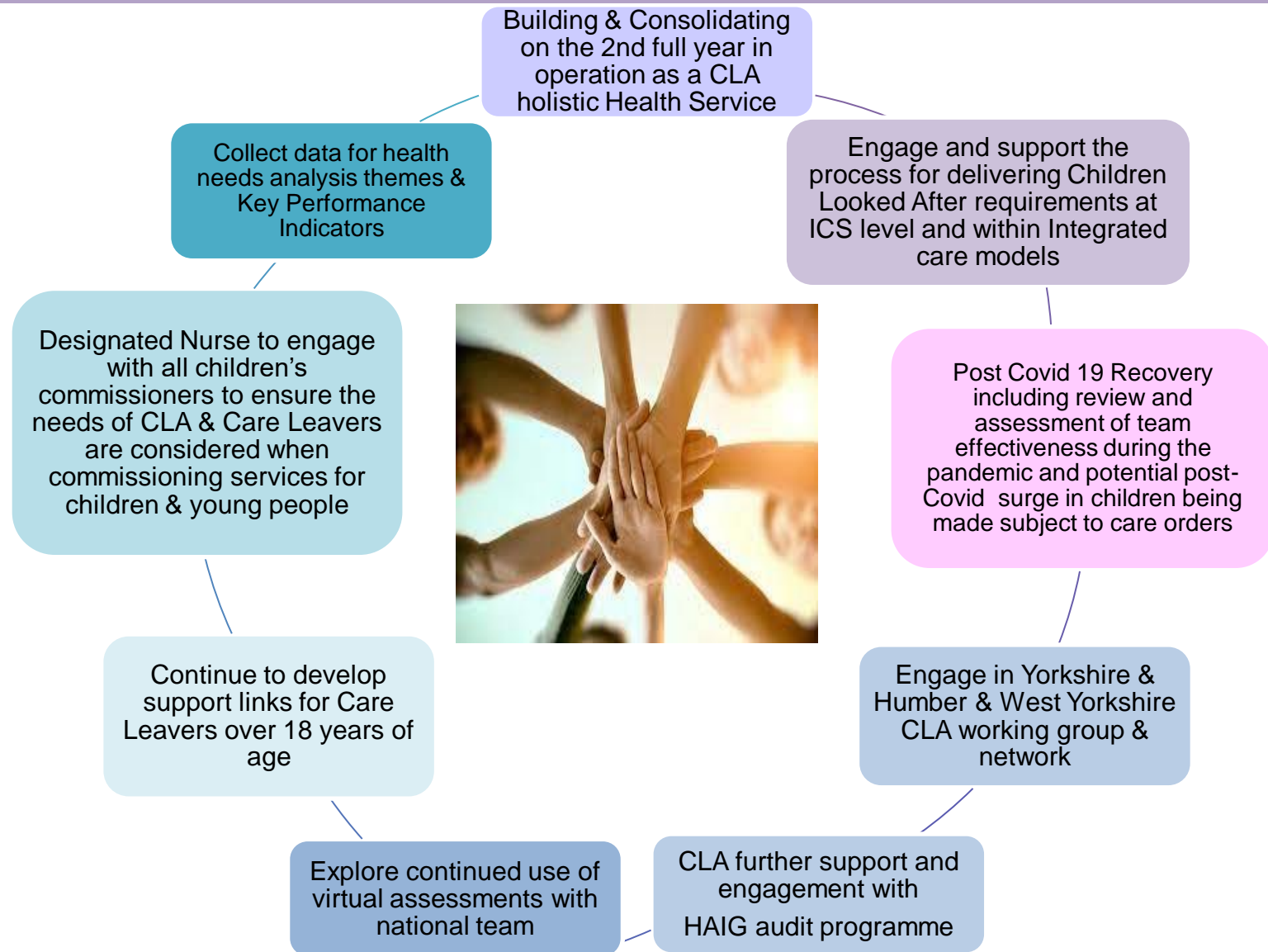
Attendance at training events to support the work with the young people

Designated Nurse has taken part in National Task and Finish Group to make sure the needs of CLA are fed into the Child Care Review which is currently underway

Pathway developed support out of area children being placed in Calderdale being flagged in the acute trust which will make out of area children placed in Calderdale safer

Produced age appropriate leaflets to be sent out with RHA appointments for children & young people

The Team Objectives for 2021-2022



CCG responsibilities:

Safeguarding policies and processes in place demonstrating the CCG commitment to this agenda, including training, safe recruitment practices and arrangements for dealing with allegations against people who work with children and adults as appropriate

The Safeguarding Team have updated the CCG Safeguarding Policies to ensure they remain adherent to current legislation and support CCG staff:
Approved by Quality, Finance and Performance Committee :



All reviewed, review date in bracket.

CCG Safeguarding Policy (March 2022)

CCG Domestic Abuse Policy (June 2024)

CCG PREVENT Policy (June 2024)

CCG MCA policy (2022 awaiting Liberty Protection Safeguards)

Up to date required Recruitment and other Policies are also in place:

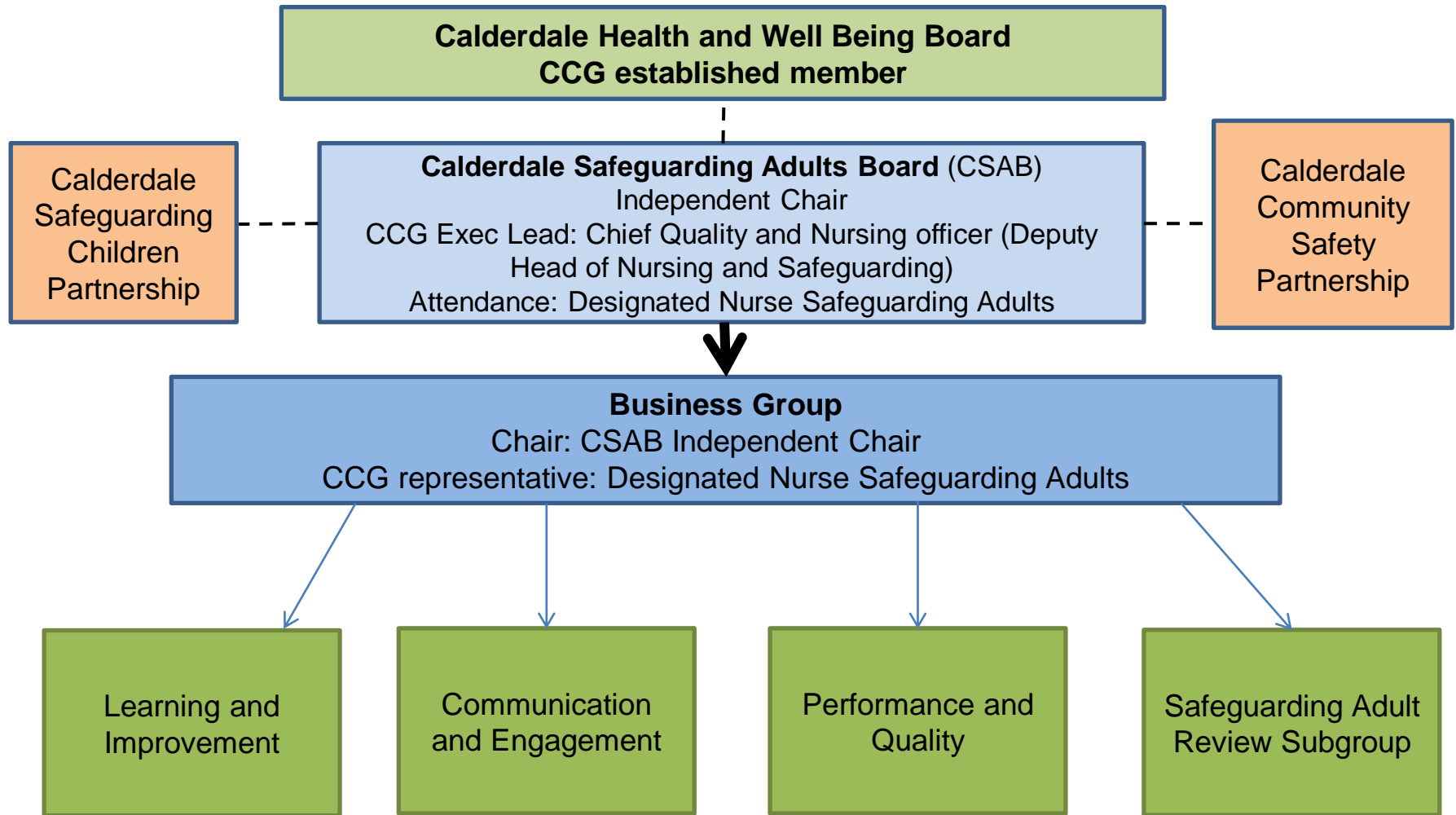


CCG Recruitment and Selection Policy (April 2022)

CCG Whistleblowing (Freedom to Speak Up) Policy (April 2022)

CCG Disciplinary Policy (April 2022)

Calderdale Safeguarding Adults Board (CSAB)



All documents to be available CCG website or are available on: <https://safeguarding.calderdale.gov.uk/the-organisations/safeguarding-adults-board>

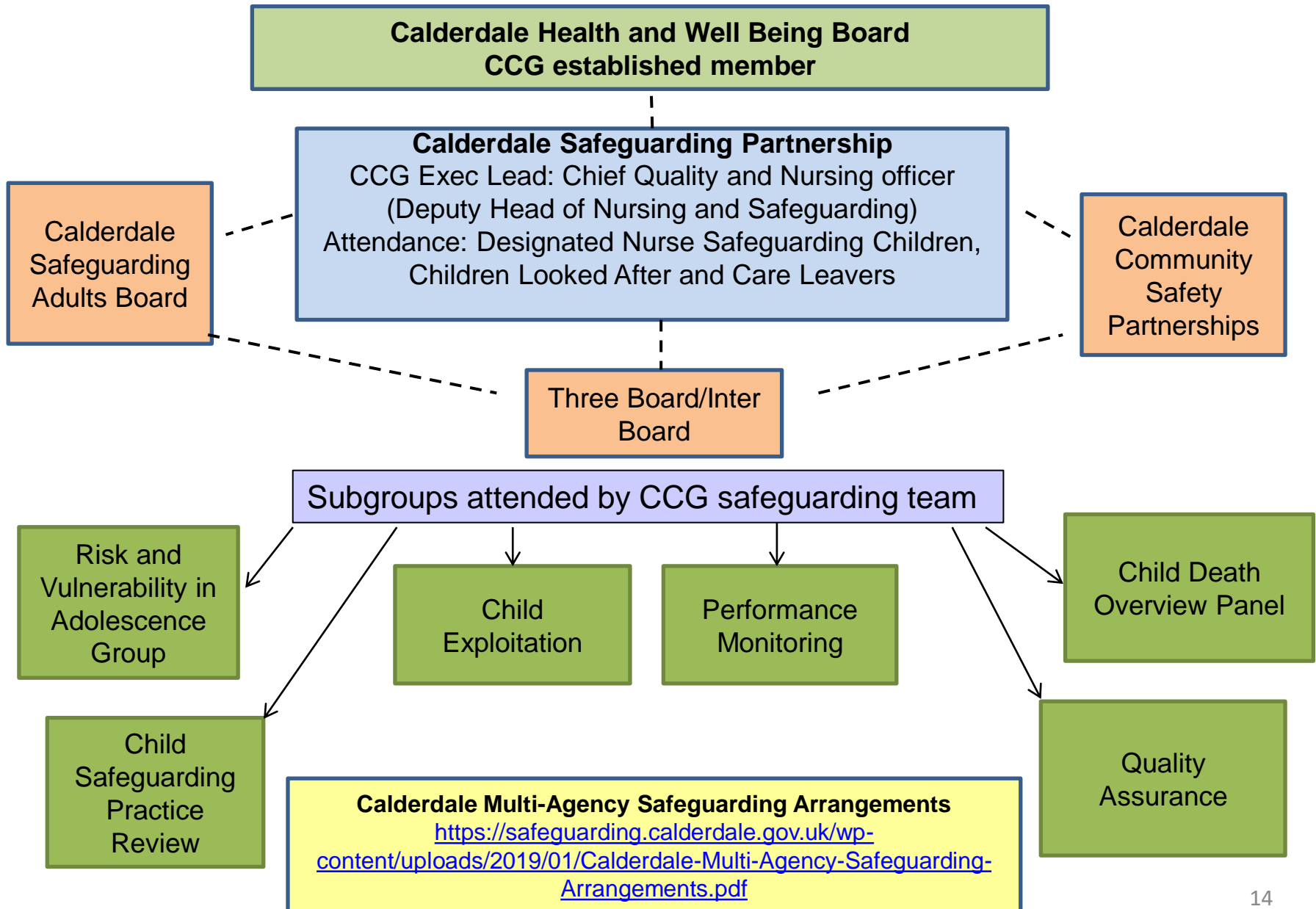
The CCG (adults) have contributed to/ led on:

- Calderdale Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan
- Calderdale Safeguarding Adults Board Annual report
- NICE guidance in Care Homes
- Delivery of multi-agency training e.g. self-neglect

- Burnt Bridges report
- Safeguarding Adult Reviews
- Revision of the Performance Indicator Report
- Austerity, Poverty and Safeguarding
- Health Alliance meetings

- Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM)
- Safeguarding assurance and development during Covid pandemic
- Multi-agency safeguarding audits including: Involvement in adult safeguarding process, repeat referrals

Calderdale Safeguarding Children Partnership



The CCG (children's) have contributed to/ led on:

- Calderdale Safeguarding Children's partnership Annual Report
- Safeguarding Children's Practice Reviews, chair subgroup
- West Yorkshire Adversity, Trauma & Resilience Strategy Group

- Safeguarding Provider Assurance through position statement mechanism
- Launch of ICON (Babies Cry, You Can Cope) (see slide 18)
- Delivered multi-agency training

- 'Multi-Agency Health Audit into the response to Domestic Abuse' by health professionals following an incident discussed at the Domestic Abuse Hub
- An audit on Children Looked After in Calderdale placed from out of area' to review the impact on the use of health services in Calderdale and to establish any gaps in provision

<https://safeguarding.calderdale.gov.uk/the-organisations/safeguarding-children-partnership/>

Health Assurance & Improvement Group (HAIG) Reporting into CSCP

Health Assurance and Improvement Group (HAIG)

To provide strategic oversight, assurance, improvement and the scrutiny of safeguarding children arrangements across the local health sector.

The overarching aim, to achieve a consistent and responsive approach to meeting the needs of children specifically those who require safeguarding interventions and support the CCG and CSCP in fulfilling their statutory duties.

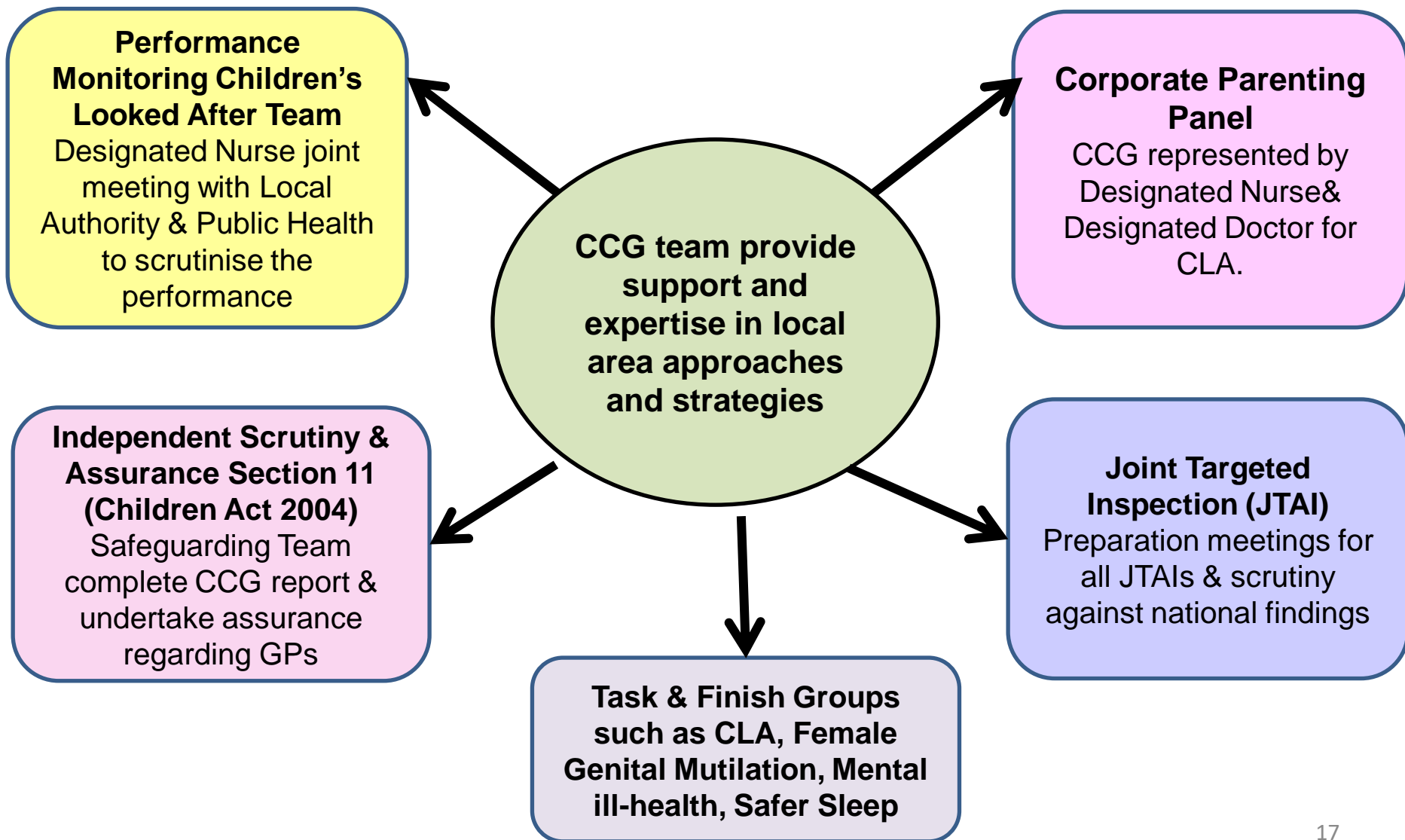


Membership includes all health providers including Public Health commissioned services, CAMHS, CASH & YAS now widened to include a representative from Calderdale Safeguarding Children Partnership (CSCP)



Standing agenda items include thematic review programme, being CLAS inspection ready, review of Calderdale Safeguarding Practice reviews and headline news from each provider organisation.

Other Safeguarding Children's Partnership work



Other Safeguarding Children's Partnership work

Phase 1 was successfully launched in December 2020 for GP Practitioners, Health Visitors and Midwives. Funding for resources was provided by the CCG which included posters, leaflets and a number of banners.



Further funding was obtained from NHS England to support wider promotion within the community via local billboards, bus rears and refuse wagons.



The second phase of ICON was launched in February 2021 amongst the wider partnership colleagues including Children's Social Care, Police, Public Health, Fire Service, Domestic Abuse Services and Children's Centre's

Statutory work on behalf of the CCG and Calderdale status

<p>Safeguarding Children Practice Reviews (SPRs)</p> <p>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/789/contents/made</p>	<p>These reviews are for Serious Child Safeguarding Cases e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abuse or neglect is known or suspected; and - The child/young person has died or been seriously harmed. <p>Serious harm includes (but is not limited to) serious and/or long-term impairment of mental health or emotional, intellectual, emotional, social or behavioural development. This should also cover impairment of physical health.</p>	<p>The Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children is the Chair of the CSCP SPR Sub Group and attends all individual case reviews to provide health expertise and oversight.</p> <p>A member of the CCG Safeguarding Team completes any required General Practice Individual Management Reports for cases and disseminates key relevant learning across local health footprint</p>	<p><u>Calderdale:</u> The safeguarding team have provided safeguarding expert support in 2 SPRs for the period of this report</p>
<p>Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) (Section 44 of the Care Act 2014)</p> <p>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/part/1/crossheading/safeguarding-adults-at-risk-of-abuse-or-neglect)</p>	<p>Held when an adult at risk of abuse dies or has experienced serious neglect or abuse, and there is concern about the way agencies worked together to support the individual.</p> <p>The purpose is to learn the lessons about how professionals and organisations work together.</p>	<p>The Designated Nurse Safeguarding Adults is a panellist on all SARs to provide health expertise and coordination. The panel's role is to support and challenge the analysis of the findings and ensure appropriate recommendations are made and implemented.</p> <p>A member of the CCG Safeguarding Team completes any required General Practice Individual Management Reports for cases and disseminates key relevant learning across local health footprint</p>	<p><u>Calderdale:</u> The safeguarding team have provided safeguarding expert support in 3 SARs for the period of this report</p>

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<p>Independent Investigations</p> <p>https://www.england.nhs.uk/publications/reviews-and-reports/invest-reports/</p>	<p>NHS England responsible for commissioning investigations into homicides that are committed by patients being treated for mental illness</p>	<p>Head of Nursing and Safeguarding or Designated Nurses represent CCG's at panel meetings for local cases</p>
<p>Domestic Homicide Review (DHR)</p> <p>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/575232/HO-Domestic-Homicide-Review-Analysis-161206.pdf</p>	<p>A DHR means a review of the circumstances in which the death of a person aged 16 or over has, or appears to have, resulted from violence, abuse or neglect by:-</p> <p>A person to whom he/she was related or with whom he/she was or had been in an intimate personal relationship</p> <p>Or</p> <p>A member of the same household as himself/herself.</p> <p>Held with a view to identifying the lessons to be learnt from the death.</p>	<p>Designated Nurses attend the Case Panels to provide health expertise and oversight.</p> <p>A member of the CCG Safeguarding Team completes any required General Practice Individual Management Reports for cases and disseminates key relevant learning across local health footprint</p> <p>The safeguarding team have provided safeguarding expert support in 1 DHR for the period of this report</p>
<p>Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP)</p> <p>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/779401/Working Together to Safeguard Children.pdf</p>	<p>Responsible for reviewing information on all unexpected child deaths. They record preventable child deaths and make recommendations to ensure that similar deaths are prevented in the future</p>	<p>Designated or Deputy Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children attend all local CDOP meetings to provide expertise</p>

CCG responsibilities:

Be able to demonstrate that CCG staff are trained appropriately to be able to recognise and report safeguarding issues at a level that is appropriate to their role

The team have produced a reference guidance for all CCG and practice staff to identify the correct level of safeguarding training each person requires, available on the CCG Intranet site

The guidance is based on:



Intercollegiate document – Adult:

<https://www.rcn.org.uk/professional-development/publications/pub-007069>

Intercollegiate document – Children

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/safeguarding-children-young-people-roles-competencies-healthcare-staf>



Intercollegiate document – Children Looked After

<https://www.rcn.org.uk/professional-development/publications/rcn-looked-after-children-roles-and-competencies-of-healthcare-staff-uk-pub-009486>



CCG Staff Safeguarding Training Compliance: end of Quarter 4

	Safeguarding Children	Safeguarding Adults
CCG Staff Members	87.88%	88.89%
Governing Body Members	100%	100%

CCG responsibilities:

Have in place a lead for Mental Capacity Act (MCA) that is supported by the relevant policies and training

CCG Mental Capacity Act Lead: Designated Nurse Safeguarding Adults

Liberty Protection Safeguards
Policy and guidance development

Regional and national fora & ICS lead

Supervision

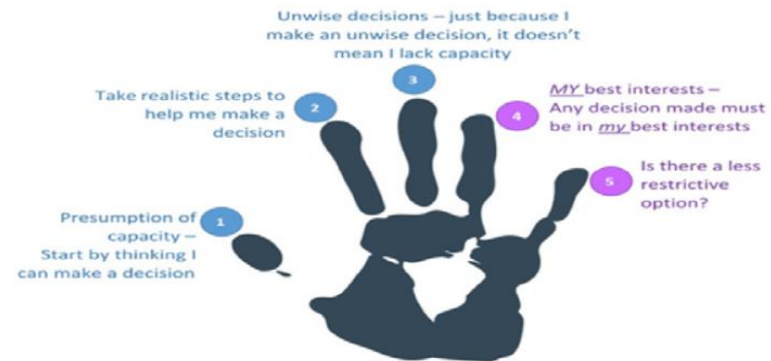
Advice to GPs, Continuing Health
Care (CHC), providers,
commissioners

Produced guidance on Covid
vaccinations and Mental Capacity

Provider assurance

Local interpretation of case law

CHC Deprivation of Liberty
assessments



CCG engaged in other work at local and regional level

Calderdale Domestic Abuse (DA)

Designated Nurse's for Safeguarding Adults and Children represent the CCG at the DA Strategic Board. The CCG has agreed and signed up to the local 6 step commitments and commissions a health service representative to sit on the DA daily hub on behalf of all health providers.

Strategic Oversight

The CCG has contributed to anticipatory work relating to the enactment of the DA Bill 2021. This work has been to contribute to ongoing multi-agency strategic planning and gathering relevant information for an expected strengths needs assessment in Calderdale.

Partnership

The team are contributing to development work with other key agencies, improving communication, identifying any gaps in service provision and exploring what the data tells us about how we can address DA in Calderdale through audit and learning events. There continues to be close working with the DA Hub health role.

CCG engaged in other work at local and regional level

Safer Sleep

The CCG has engaged in a Task and Finish Group to review the Safer Sleep response following the recommendations of a Thematic Review 'Out of routine a review of sudden unexpected death in infancy (SUDI) in families considered at risk of harm' and is supporting in the production of Safer Sleep multi-agency training, safer sleep risk minimisation tool and Safer sleep practice Guidance.

Independent Review of Children's Social Care

The CCG contributed to a Task and Finish Group which produced a report on the needs of Children Looked After. This was presented to the reviews chair Josh MacAlister and the findings to be considered in the review.

Crown Prosecution Scrutiny Panel (CPS) – Domestic Abuse

The CCG is part of the quarterly audit facilitated by CPS regarding cases involving adult and children victims and perpetrators. The scrutiny of cases based on various topical issues e.g. refusal to give evidence, court summons, declining case based on evidence. Calderdale CCG provides the only health input to the regional multi-agency panel.

CCG engaged in other work at local and regional level

Prevent

The Prevent lead (member of the safeguarding team) is key part of prevent delivery planning groups across Calderdale and Kirklees as well as being Prevent lead for WY&H ICS. The role is responsible for reviewing NHSE data submissions and gaining assurance from providers around the fulfilment of their prevent duty. Part of this is to link in with Prevent Leads, disseminate information and support with embedding prevent delivery plans in their practice.

[Calderdale District Silver Programme Precision Meeting](#)

The Prevent Lead represents health partners at the multi-agency meeting. Programme Precision is the new name for work involving West Yorkshire Police, local partners and the public to work together to tackle serious and organised crime in the county. Serious and organised crime covers a range of crimes including drugs, firearms, child exploitation, cybercrime, modern slavery, gangs and county lines.

Calderdale Modern Day Slavery

A member of the Safeguarding Team represent health partners at the multi-agency strategic meeting. Modern slavery is an umbrella term encompassing human trafficking, slavery, servitude and forced labour. The Calderdale [Flowchart for Modern Day Slavery NRM Referral](#)

Delivering Assurance

CCG Assurance

- Previous internal audit of Safeguarding Team – High Assurance delivered that CCG is fulfilling its responsibilities
- Monitor CCG compliance with safeguarding training
- Audit/Challenge of Safeguarding Partnership/ Boards (e.g. Section 11 and Peer Challenge events)

Provider Assurance

- Attendance at provider Safeguarding Committees (includes monitoring of training compliance and CQC action plans)
- Provider position statements
- Safeguarding Standards for all main health providers and General Practice
- Monitor *Prevent* returns to NHSE
- Safeguarding and Mental Capacity Act requirements articulated in CCG contracts and Service Specifications
- Regular meetings with independent sector health providers

Safeguarding and the ICS

- Group of Designated Nurses / Professionals from each CCG in WY&H ICS called the IDPN (ICS Designated Professionals Network)
- NHSE Engaged
- IDPN chaired by CCG Head of Nursing and Safeguarding

- Aim to “do once and share”
- Developed safeguarding standards
- All members have agreed work stream e.g. MH/ LD and links with ICS lead
- Consider safeguarding response to new pathways across ICS
- Agreed safeguarding aspects of Quality Impact Assessments

- Working with CCG Chief Nurses to develop plan to integrate safeguarding into ICS structures and articulate future model for safeguarding aligned to place and ICS
- Agreed shared approach for safeguarding support for work-streams and programme leads

Examples of the team supportive work this year

Provision of Safeguarding training support:

- Re-engineered the GP Safeguarding Leads meetings (facilitated by the Named GPs on a quarterly annual basis) to include bespoke training sessions for Safeguarding Leads to provide up to date information, provide group supervision and support them in their safeguarding roles in practices
- Bespoke safeguarding training disseminated to Calderdale GP's on Safer Sleep, ICON and Neglect
- Regular 7 minute briefings provided on key topical areas, such as; poverty and safeguarding, ACE's (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Safer Sleep, Learning Disability & Parenting Capacity.

Provision of expert safeguarding advice and support:

Senior Advice calls:

Multiple telephone calls seeking advice and guidance for safeguarding complex cases were responded to by the team (all calls are responded to). The majority of these were from General Practitioners or Practice Staff, but other callers included Dentist, Named Professionals and Safeguarding Leads in commissioned provider organisations, Designated Doctors and Designated Nurses in other organisations. The calls will often require more than one contact and follow-up support and advice is given.

Supervision:

All members of the team provide safeguarding supervision for other specialist safeguarding professionals in other CCGs, health providers in Calderdale and across the WY&H ICS.

Covid Pandemic from March 2021 – what did the team do to respond?

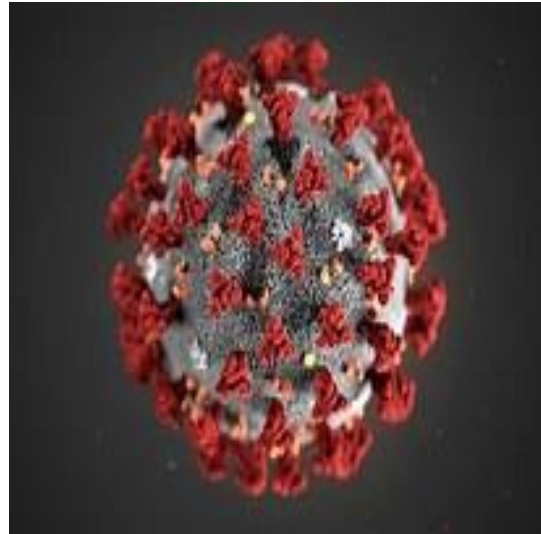
Safeguarding Business Continuity Plan – identified priorities

Supported Rapid Quality Equality Impact with safeguarding recommendations assessments for service change and new service

Monitoring & supporting providers to provide assurance via virtual routes

Delivered supportive safeguarding guidance documents for Primary Care teams

Developed guidance on Covid vaccination and mental capacity



Supported IDPN weekly calls to share work and provide mutual support to colleagues in ICS partnership

Supported the response to NHS England Community Priorities Document

Ensuring support for CLA & Care Leavers maintained during staff re-deployment

Exploring use of virtual technology to maintain contact with CLA & Care Leavers

Worked flexibly, utilising nursing skills to support CCG priorities

Guidance, information on Domestic Abuse

Strategic Objectives for 2021 – 2022

- Post Covid 19 recovery including review and assessment of team effectiveness during the pandemic and potential post-Covid surge
- Focus on the intrinsic links between health inequalities, living in poverty and the experience of trauma and adversity for children, young people and adults who require safeguarding interventions.
- Continue to actively support the Adult & Children's Safeguarding Partnership arrangements in Calderdale, particularly to develop a trauma responsive system

- Support the implementation of recommendations and action from the Burnt Bridges safeguarding adult review
- Continue to develop the Safeguarding Children's Health Assurance and Improvement Group and outcomes focused data set and thematic reviews
- Develop a CCG domestic abuse strategic plan

- Continue to engage and drive the process for delivering Safeguarding requirements at ICS level by being an active voice in the development of safeguarding structures and models in the new health landscape
- Support provider organisations and GP's to implement new Safeguarding Standards

Continue to promote ICON programme Phase 1 (Health Partners) & Phase 2 (Wider Partnership)
Prepare for and support the implementation of the new Liberty Protections Safeguards including updating the CCG Mental Capacity Act policy
Develop a Prevent action plan to include development of a champion network and improved training availability for CCG and primary care networks

Key legislation that underpins Safeguarding work

Children:

The Children Act 1989, the Children and Adoption Act 2002 and the Children Act 2004:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/41/contents>

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2004/31/pdfs/ukpga_20040031_en.pdf

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 (section 3):

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2017/16/contents/enacted>

Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018) updated Dec 2020

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/729914/Working_Together_to_Safeguard_Children-2018.pdf

Safeguarding Children and Young People: Roles and Competencies for Healthcare staff. The Intercollegiate Document 2019

<https://www.safeguardingassociatesforexcellence.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019-Intercollegiate-document.pdf>

Looked after Children: Roles and competencies of healthcare staff Dec 2020

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/looked-after-children-lac>

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Adults:

The Care Act 2014

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/contents/enacted>

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/47/contents>

The Mental Capacity Act

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2005/9/contents>

NHS England Safeguarding and accountability and Assurance Framework

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/safeguarding-children-young-people-adults-at-risk-saaf-1.pdf>

Adult Safeguarding: Roles and Competencies for Health Care Staff 2018

<https://www.rcn.org.uk/professional-development/publications/pub-007069>

Domestic Abuse Act 2021

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2021/17/contents/enacted>