

Safeguarding children declaration

This declaration sets out the current position as at December 2017.
NHS Kernow is fully committed:

- To our responsibility for protecting and safeguarding children and young people
- To ensuring structures and governance arrangements for safeguarding children are robust
- To commission organisations which provide services which have safeguarding systems in place which reflect Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 encompassing; clear, accessible policies and procedures, safer recruitment, training and governance systems.

NHS Kernow works in partnership and is an executive member of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Safeguarding Children Partnership (CIOSSCP) and its subgroups.

The Designated Professionals for safeguarding children chair the local Safeguarding Children Health Forum. The health forum has representation from Cornwall and Isles of Scilly (CIOS) health providers within the NHS and the private sector. The designated professionals work closely with partner agencies to implement joint developments to improve outcomes for children and young people.

Annual reports on the Safeguarding Children and Children Looked After arrangements are submitted to the NHS Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group's Quality and Performance Group. The designated professionals for safeguarding and looked after children provide supervision to the Named safeguarding professionals for the providers. A designated Doctor and Designated Nurse for LAC and a Named Doctor for child death overview are in post.

NHS Kernow has safer recruitment arrangements in place including disclosure and barring checks for eligible staff and enhanced checks where appropriate.

NHS Kernow has up to date safeguarding policies, protocols and systems in place. The designated professionals for safeguarding children work closely with the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), investigating allegations against staff working in health settings across the county.

NHS Kernow has a safeguarding children training strategy and a programme of training for all staff. The designated professionals provide advice and support to health staff, NHS Kernow and the CIOSSCP.

Action plans from Serious Case Reviews or Serious Incidents are monitored by the individual providers, Safeguarding Children Health Forum and the learning group of the CIOSSCP.

There is a programme of safeguarding children audits in place which provide assurance that learning, policies and procedures are imbedded into practice. It is mandatory for all new staff to attend a safeguarding children training session in their induction. Health staff receive a quarterly multi-agency newsletter which provides updates on relevant safeguarding issues

If you are a member of the public and you are concerned about a child you can find advice and information on the [CIOS safeguarding children partnership website](https://www.barnardos.org.uk/)<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/>.

Significant links

- Children's Social Care – Early Help, Psychology and Social Care Services for Children (open 24 hours) – Telephone: 0300 123 1116
- Cornwall Early Help Hub – Telephone: 01872 322277
- [Barnados](https://www.barnardos.org.uk/)
- [Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command \(CEOP\)](https://www.ceop.gov.uk/)
- [Childline](https://www.childline.gov.uk/) – Telephone 0800 1111
- [Kidscape](https://www.kidscape.org.uk/) – Telephone 020 773 0330
- [NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/) – 24hour helpline -Telephone : 0808 800 5000