One Minute Guide



Designated and Named

Professionals for Safeguarding in

Health

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**What are Designated and Named Professionals?**

Designated and named professionals are qualified professionals with additional experience and post graduate qualifications in child welfare and safeguarding. They hold specific roles across the ‘health economy’ (there is a one minute guide on the health economy) to ensure that children and young people are safeguarded in West Sussex.

Designated professionals, as clinical experts and strategic leaders, take a lead on all aspects of the health service contribution to safeguarding children across an area, providing support to all providers, including providing leadership, advice, support and supervision to named safeguarding health professionals, social work, Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB) and NHS England. They also provide advice to subcontracting agencies, independent providers and privately funded establishments within the health economy.

**Named Professionals**

Named professionals - each health provider must have a named nurse and named doctor and a named midwife (if the agency provides midwifery services) for safeguarding children with the skills, knowledge and competencies to support all activities necessary to ensure that the organisation meets its responsibilities to safeguard and protect children and young people. Named professionals have a key role in promoting good professional practice within their organisation, providing advice and expertise for fellow professionals, and ensuring safeguarding training is in place. They should work closely with their organisation's safeguarding lead, designated professionals and the West Sussex Safeguarding Children Board.

**What does Statutory Guidance say about Safeguarding in Health?**

How the Health Economy safeguards children is set out in statutory guidance:

[Safeguarding Vulnerable People in the Reformed NHS Accountability and Assurance Framework](https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/safeguarding-accountability-assurance-framework.pdf)) (NHS CB 2013) (link https://www.england.nhs.uk?wp-content/uploads/2015/07/safeguarding-accountability-assurance-framework.pdf) states all health providers are required to have effective arrangements in place to safeguard vulnerable children; [Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/592101/Working_Together_to_Safeguard_Children_20170213.pdf.) (;ink <https://assests.publishing.service.gov.uk/goverments/uploads/system/uploads/attachment> data/file/592101/working together to Safeguard Children 20170213pdf)down the responsibilities of NHS Trusts, in partnership with key agencies to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

[Statutory Guidance on Promoting the Health and Well-being of Looked after Children (2009)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/413368/Promoting_the_health_and_well-being_of_looked-after_children.pdf)

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describes the joint working responsibilities between health service providers, health commissioners and local authorities to promote positive outcomes for Children who are Looked After.

All of these guidance documents point to the importance of early help, (there is a one minute guide on early help (IPEH)) establishing and maintaining relationships and working across agency boundaries to formulate a team around the child in order to improve outcomes for children in need of services or safeguarding.

**Who are the Designated and Named Professionals in West Sussex?**

Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) have a statutory duty to have access to the expertise of a Designated Nurse and Designated Doctor. A Senior Designated Nurse, Designated Nurse and a Named GP for safeguarding children are appointed by the CCGs.

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Contact details for each of the designated and named nurse and doctors for each of the CCGs in West Sussex are attached in this docume

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Primary Care - Each GP practice has access to peer support from the GP Safeguarding Forum which is made up of safeguarding leads from GP practices across West Sussex. GP practices should have a lead and deputy lead for safeguarding, who should work closely with named GPs.