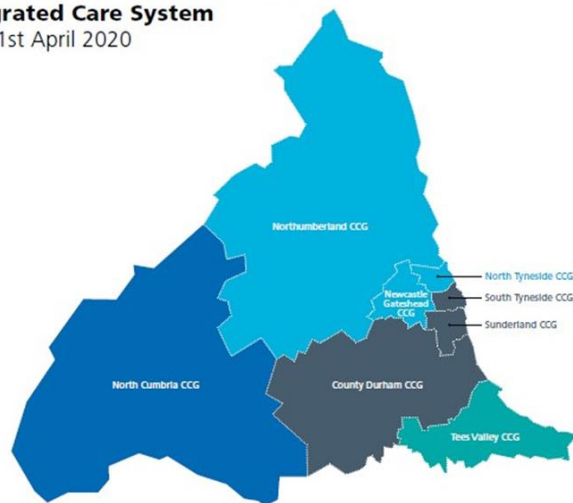


Management of Regional Safeguarding Alerts Unborn Babies and Children

North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care System

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North Cumbria ICP
Population: 324,000
1 CCG: North Cumbria
Primary Care Networks: 8
1 FT: North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust (NCIC)
1 Council Area: Cumbria County Council (with 4 District Councils)
North West Ambulance Service

NENC ICS-wide

North East Ambulance Service FT covers: North of Tyne and Gateshead ICP; Durham, South Tyneside and Sunderland ICP; Tees Valley South ICP

CNTW Mental Health FT covers: North Cumbria ICP; North of Tyne and Gateshead ICP; plus part of South Tyneside and Sunderland ICP

TEWV Mental Health FT covers: Tees Valley ICP; plus part of South Tyneside and Sunderland ICP

Newcastle upon Tyne Hospital FT: provider of highly specialised and specialised national and regional services (including transplant, paediatric specialisms and major trauma)

North of Tyne and Gateshead ICP

Population: 1,079M

3 CCGs: Northumberland, North Tyneside, Newcastle Gateshead

Primary Care Networks: 22

3 FTs: Northumbria, Newcastle, Gateshead

4 Council Areas: Northumberland, North Tyneside, Newcastle, Gateshead

Durham, South Tyneside and Sunderland ICP

Population: 997,000

3 CCGs: South Tyneside, Sunderland, County Durham

Primary Care Networks: 22

2 FTs: South Tyneside & Sunderland, County Durham and Darlington

3 Council Areas: South Tyneside, Sunderland, County Durham

Tees Valley ICP

Population: 701,000

1 CCG: Tees Valley

Primary Care Networks: 14

3 FTs: County Durham and Darlington, North Tees & Hartlepool, South Tees

5 Council Areas: Hartlepool, Stockton on Tees, Darlington, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland

The purpose of the safeguarding alerts Standard Operating Procedure is to ensure that there is an agreed process for sharing safeguarding alerts for Unborn Babies (UBB) and missing children/families across the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care System. The Child Protection Information System (CP-IS) is now well embedded in to practice and in February 2021 NHS England published a briefing stating the national safeguarding alerting protocol ceased to exist therefore this regional alert system will now take precedence.

Confidentiality Statement/Guidance

Under GDPR guidance confidentiality should be maintained as far as possible and the sharing of alerts should be relevant and effective. There should always be clear, documented evidence to explain why the alert needs to be disseminated outside of a particular location.

Definition and Categories of Safeguarding Alerts

Children/young people/adult/family who have disappeared from a known address with no forwarding address where there are safeguarding concerns in respect of unmet need, vulnerability, abuse or neglect.

Risks to unborn children.

Missing young persons or pregnant women with behaviours / expressed intentions to cause harm to themselves or others.

The criteria for Alerts-

- Pregnant women/young people who go missing.
- Pregnant women who staff believe will seek to evade child protection processes.
- Pregnant women who have not accessed antenatal care and remain 'unbooked'.
- Either parent poses a severe risk to staff or others.
- Serious medical concerns/treatment needed at birth for mother and/or baby.
- Missing children/young people with safeguarding concerns.
- Where there are safeguarding/perplexing presentations concerns for Parents/Carers or children who go to different medical facilities across the region to access health care.

Procedure-

Requests for safeguarding alerts may be generated by Heath or the Local Authority and in the majority of cases it would be the Named Midwife or Named Nurse who will decide if there is a need to action an alert. There may be occasions where complex safeguarding alerts need to be discussed with the relevant Designated Professional within their location. It would be up to the individual practitioner to decide which local areas they need to share the alerts.

Alerts should only be distributed to those areas where it is believed that there is a possibility of the mother/child/young person attending a unit, on the basis of, where they have known

links with the area within another region for example family links, previous attendances or sightings.

The Named practitioner will complete the regional safeguarding alert template (Appendix 2) The UBB template can be adapted accordingly and the practitioner completing the template should add their own Trust logo to the template.

Alerts will be sent via email and must be sent out in accordance with information governance procedures using a generic email address where possible (Appendix 3).

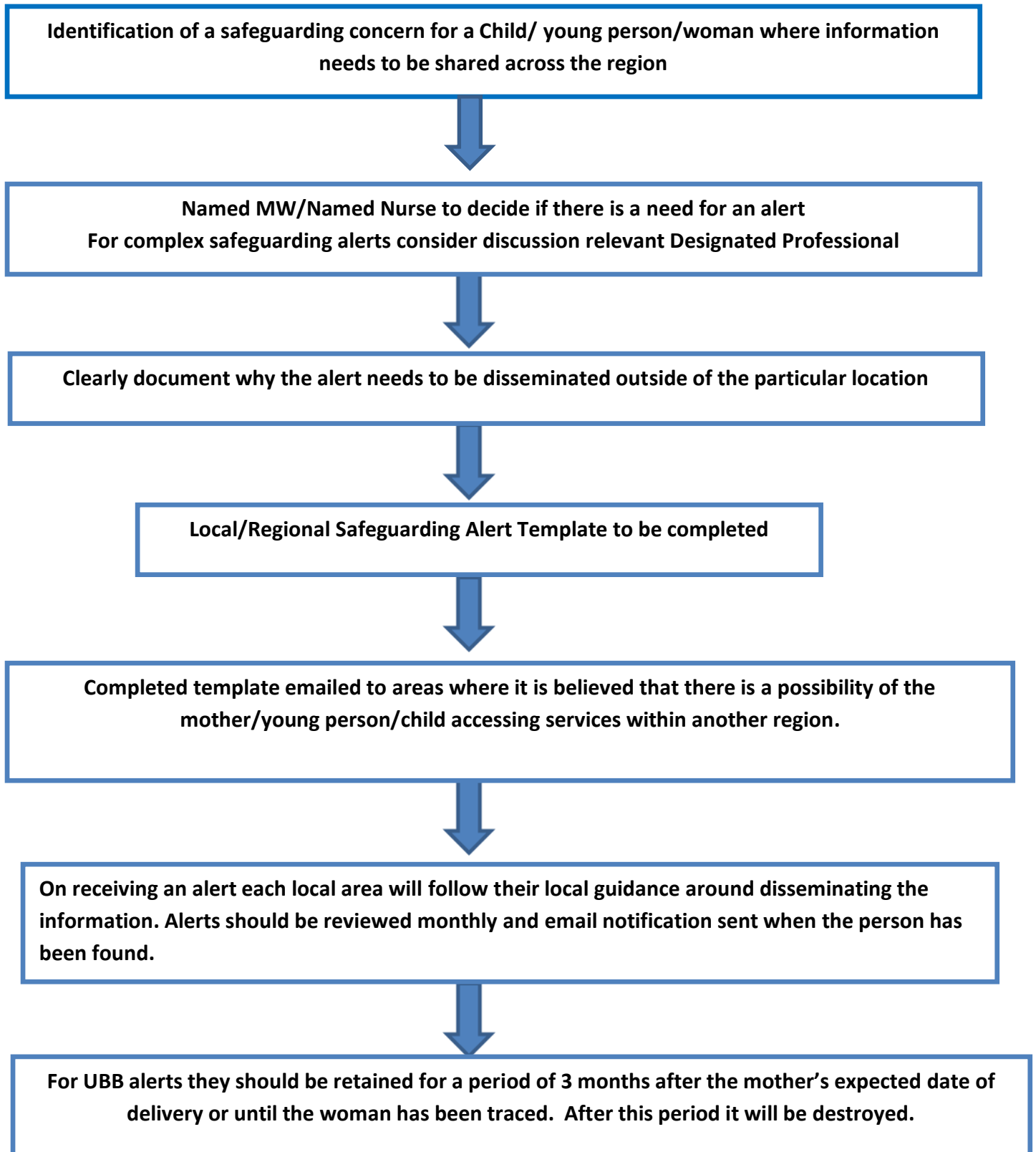
It will be the responsibility of each organisation to ensure any changes to email addresses are shared across the distribution list.

Receiving Alerts

On receiving an alert each local area will be required to implement their local arrangements for the in house circulation and monitoring of the process. Local alerts should be reviewed monthly and notification sent when the person has been found. Alerts should be retained for a period of 3 months after the mother’s expected date of delivery or until the woman has been traced. After this period the alert will be destroyed.

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 North Cumbria Integrated Care <small>NHS Foundation Trust</small>	North Tees and Hartlepool  <small>NHS Foundation Trust</small>	 Harrogate and District <small>NHS Foundation Trust</small>
 County Durham and Darlington <small>NHS Foundation Trust</small>	South Tees Hospitals  <small>NHS Foundation Trust</small>	 South Tyneside and Sunderland <small>NHS Foundation Trust</small>

Flow Chart for safeguarding alerts for UBB and missing children/young people/families across the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care System



Confidential Local/Regional Safeguarding Alert Template

Patient's personal information	
Name	
Any known aliases	
Date of birth	
Last known Address	
Postcode	
NHS number	
Current GP or GP last registered with	
Contact number	
Emergency Contact number	
For UBB expected date of delivery	
Midwife details if any	
CP-IS alert present Yes or No	
Legal Status of Child/young person/UBB	

Brief description/photograph of Child/Young Person/Woman

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Summary of Concerns

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Pertinent issues that are relevant to immediate Health

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STAFF RISKS- Detail any relevant factual information

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Summary of Safeguarding actions that need to be taken

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Contact Details:

Safeguarding Team	Name:	
	Tel:	
	Email:	
Emergency Duty Team	Tel:	
Named Social Worker:	Name:	
	Tel:	
	Email:	

Generic Email address for safeguarding services across the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care System

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Durham & Darlington	cdda-tr.cpteamssouth@nhs.net
Newcastle Maternity	tnu-tr.womens-safeguarding@nhs.net
Newcastle Children	tnu-tr.safeguarding.children@nhs.net
South Tyneside & Sunderland	stsft.safeguardingteam@nhs.net
North Tees	nth-tr.safeguardingchildrensupervision@nhs.net
South Tees	safeguardingchildren.stees@nhs.net
Northumbria Adults	nhc-tr.acute.safeguardingadults@nhs.net
Northumbria Children	nhc-tr.acute.safeguardingchildren@nhs.net
Gateshead	gan-tr.safeguarding-children@nhs.net
North Cumbria	nca-tr.safeguardingncic@nhs.net
NEAS	special.patient.notes@nhs.net
Gateshead 0-19	spoc.hdfgateshead@nhs.net