

SCHEDULE 2 – THE SERVICES

A. Service Specifications

Service Specification No.	01/MRFH/0043
Service	DESIGNATED DOCTOR FOR SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN
Commissioner Lead	Maternity Reproduction & Health CCP
Provider Lead	Dorset County Hospital Foundation Trust
Period	01/04/2015 to 31/03/2017
Date of Review	May 2016

1. Population Needs

1.1 National/local context and evidence base

1.2 Child protection has a long history within both health and social care, and there have been many notable incidents where it has been evident that organisations have not worked effectively to protect and minimize risk to children and young people. The Inquiry into the death of Victoria Climbié, the Soham murders and more recently the death of Peter Connelly (Baby P) have been tragic events that have led to new legislation and national recommendations. *The Children Act 2004* (section 11) and *Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015)* both clearly identify requirements of all agencies and go beyond the historical management of child protection to ensure holistic consideration of the safety of children and young people in the broadest sense. This also places responsibility on all practitioners to take account of the safety of children and of Dorset CCG as commissioners to ensure safe practices of all its commissioned services.

1.3 The role of the Designated Doctor is a statutory role set out in the Government guidance *Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015)*. Their function is to act as a clinical expert and strategic leader. They are a vital source of advice to the CCG, the NHS Commissioning Board, the local authority and the LSCB, and of advice and support to other health professionals.

2. Outcomes

2.1 NHS Outcomes Framework Domains & Indicators

Domain 1	Preventing people from dying prematurely	*
Domain 2	Enhancing quality of life for people with long-term conditions	
Domain 3	Helping people to recover from episodes of ill-health or following injury	
Domain 4	Ensuring people have a positive experience of care	*
Domain 5	Treating and caring for people in safe environment and protecting them from avoidable harm	*

2.2 Local defined outcomes

The Designated Doctor for Safeguarding children will carry out a strategic role as set out in *Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015)* and the *RCPCH Roles and Competencies for Safeguarding Children (2014)*.

The Local Safeguarding Children Boards have the agreed health outcome set out in the Business Plan 2014-15 which is that:

“Children and young people are safe from avoidable harm and avoidable death”.

The Designated Doctor for Safeguarding Children along with the CCG designated safeguarding children professionals will lead and work with other health professionals to progress this, through the Safeguarding Children and Young people in Health group (SCYPiH) and other related groups.

3. Scope

3.1 Aims and objectives of service

3.1.1 Aims

The aim of the Designated Doctor role is to take a strategic, professional lead on all aspects of the health service contribution to safeguarding children, which includes all providers and to fulfil the responsibilities of the Designated Professionals as outlined in *Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015)* and *Safeguarding Children and Young People; Roles and Competencies for Health Care Staff (RCGP2014)*.

3.1.2 Objectives

The designated doctor will work closely with the designated nurses to undertake roles and activities to ensure the provision of the statutory roles of the designated professionals for safeguarding children as outlined within the respective statutory and intercollegiate documents mentioned above.

This are as follows:

- To ensure job plan balance that enable safeguarding children responsibilities to be met within the current allocation of two consultant sessions per week for the role of designated doctor for safeguarding children
- To fulfil the CCGs statutory duties and responsibilities to have in place a designated doctor responsible for ensuring children and young people are safeguarded and their welfare promoted, as set out within Government guidance *Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015)* and Section 11 of the *Children Act (2004)*.
- To support commissioners in their assurance that NHS organisations commissioned to provide a services are in compliance with all relevant outcomes relating to the protection of children.
- To fulfil the statutory role as a health advisor and representative in partnership with other organisations of the Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole Local Safeguarding Children Boards, and as appropriate neighbouring LSCBs
- To work with commissioners to ensure service provision for children and young people who require specific sexual assault examinations, are adequate to meet the local need, and are of a high quality.
- To provide advice and support to health named safeguarding professionals on any

aspect of safeguarding.

- To work in collaboration with the designated nurse for safeguarding children and the national safeguarding team from NHS England, to ensure effective leadership across the health community on the local and national safeguarding agenda.
- To provide leadership along with the designated nurse to the Safeguarding Children and Young People in Health Group (SCYPiH), a reporting group to the Local Safeguarding Children Boards.
- To ensure the collection of an agreed health data set is reported to the Local Safeguarding Children Boards annually in line with local agreement requirements and at least annually to the CCG governing body, and other relevant groups.
- Participate in the National and Local Area Safeguarding Networks and work streams
- Work collaboratively with health providers and LSCB partners to develop the medical components of single or multiagency safeguarding procedures.
- Work collaboratively with LSCB partners to develop and deliver the health/medical component of single and multiagency safeguarding children training
- Assess and evaluate evidence, write reports and present information to child protection related meetings where complex issues included Fabricated and Induced Illness (FII) have been identified.
- Provide specialist knowledge for local Serious Case Reviews (SCRs) and support the embedding of learning across the health community.
- Take an active interest and role in developing the capability and confidence of Named Doctors through processes including safeguarding supervision and peer review.

3.2 Service description/care pathway

The term designated doctor denotes a professional with specific roles and responsibilities for safeguarding children, including the provision of strategic advice and guidance to organisational boards across the health community. In England all Clinical Commissioning Groups are required to have a designated doctor.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children depends on effective joint working between professionals and agencies. The designated doctor working in collaboration with the designated nurse for safeguarding children will work together to provide the following:

3.3 Population Covered

This service relates to all registered children and young people who are identified as being at risk or at potential risk of significant harm of abuse or neglect.

3.4 Any acceptance and exclusion criteria.

The designated doctor for safeguarding children role covers all children and young people who either registered in or who are visiting the county of Dorset.

3.5 Interdependence with other services/providers

The designated doctor for safeguarding children will work closely with the designated and named professionals across the health community.

The designated doctor for safeguarding children will also work with professionals from

children's social care, police and other statutory organisations that have a safeguarding children function.

4. Applicable Service Standards

4.1 Applicable national standards (eg NICE)

All relevant prevailing statutory and national guidance for Safeguarding Children

4.2 Applicable standards set out in Guidance and/or issued by a competent body (eg Royal Colleges)

All relevant prevailing standards and national guidance for Safeguarding Children

4.3 Applicable local standards

Record and update data in evidencing local standards are being met as outlined in Schedule 4 Part C

5. Applicable quality requirements and CQUIN goals

5.1 Applicable quality requirements (See Schedule 4 Parts A-D)

5.2 Applicable CQUIN goals (See Schedule 4 Part E)

6. Location of Provider Premises

The Provider's Premises are located at:

The designated doctor for safeguarding children will be located within Dorset County Hospital Dorchester.

7. Individual Service User Placement

N/A