

<b>Meeting: Governing Body</b>			
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<b>Item No.</b>	7.2	<b>Confidential</b>	No
<b>Title</b>	Safeguarding assurance during Covid -19 lockdown		
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### Executive Summary

The following paper outlines some of the activity of NHS Bury CCG safeguarding team since the lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic that commenced on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020. The purpose is to provide assurance the committee and to the Governing Body that the CCG is continuing to fulfill its statutory obligations to safeguarding vulnerable children and adults at risk of abuse.

The key areas covered are

- Assurance of local providers
- Continued activity around MAPPA and Prevent
- Revised processes for Looked after Children (LAC) and Section 47 child protection medicals
- Continued work with BISP (Bury Integrated Safeguarding Partnership)
- The continued support across the health economy
- The liaison with the National Probation Service on the early release of prisoners

### Recommendations

It is recommended that the Governing Body: -

- notes the contents of the report and recognise the extensive work that continues to ensure that the CCG meets its statutory duties

### Links to CCG Strategic Objectives

#### **SO1 People and Place**

To enable the people of Bury to live in a place where they can co-create their own good health and well-being and to provide good quality care when it is needed to help people return to the best possible quality of life



<b>SO2 Inclusive Growth</b> To increase the productivity of Bury's economy by enabling all Bury people to contribute to and benefit from growth by accessing good jobs with good career prospects and through commissioning for social value	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SO3 Budget</b> To deliver a balanced budget for 2019/20	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SO4 Staff Wellbeing</b> To increase the involvement and wellbeing of all staff in scope of the OCO.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does this report seek to address any of the risks included on the Governing Body Assurance Framework? If yes, state which risk below:	
GBAF [Insert Risk Number and Detail Here]	

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Are there any quality, safeguarding or patient experience implications?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has any engagement (clinical, stakeholder or public/patient) been undertaken in relation to this report?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have any departments/organisations who will be affected been consulted ?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any conflicts of interest arising from the proposal or decision being requested?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Has a Equality, Privacy or Quality Impact Assessment been completed?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is a Equality, Privacy or Quality Impact Assessment required?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Are there any associated risks including Conflicts of Interest?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the risks on the CCG's risk register?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<b>Governance and Reporting</b>		
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Quality and Performance	13/05/2020	Discussed

## **Safeguarding assurance during Covid -19 Lockdown**

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. The following paper outlines some of the activity of NHS Bury CCG safeguarding team since lockdown commenced on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020. The purpose is to provide assurance the committee and to the Governing Body that the CCG is continuing to fulfill its statutory obligations to safeguarding vulnerable children and adults at risk of abuse.

### **2. Background**

- 2.1. The team consists of the following staff - the Designated Nurse for Child Protection and Looked after Children, who normally works four days a week but has increased hours to 5 days until the end of May to support the current work, the Specialist Nurse for Child Protection and Looked after Children who works 4 days per week, the Designated Nurse for Adult Safeguarding and the Specialist Nurse for Adult Safeguarding and Quality, who both work full time.
- 2.2. During the current crises there has been a realignment of staff duties to support the wider work of the system. In reality, there would normally be the equivalent of 15.5 days per week of safeguarding expertise available to the system but at this time, there is approximately half that time, at eight days per week available.

### **3. Children's Work streams and Assurance**

#### **Looked after Children**

- 3.1 Contingency measures have been put in place during the current pandemic and lockdown to ensure that the health of children in care in Bury continue to be met. This has included the introduction of Standard Operating Procedures and a risk assessment plan that enables health assessments to be completed virtually. Additional factors have been considered for children with further vulnerabilities, such as those requiring interpreters and we have ensured that these needs can be met.
- 3.2 In line with creating a surge and recovery plan for this work stream; a RAG rating document is being developed to help determine how and when children will be followed up after the completion of virtual health assessments. This is to not only ensure their physical health needs can be assessed but also allow an opportunity for a general face to face conversation.
- 3.3 Assurance has been gained from the provider service around the continued completion and quality of health assessments during these arrangements. A weekly meeting is held with the provider service and it is reported that compliance with agreed Key Performance Indicators continues to be maintained, by following the above contingency measures. The quality, as assessed within the audit completed in Quarter 3 remains high.

## **The Children Act 1989 Section 47 child protection medicals**

- 3.4 Similarly to LAC health assessments, contingency measures have been put in place around the provision and completion of Section 47 (safeguarding) medicals. This includes avoiding face to face contact wherever possible, whilst considering both the clinical risk of injury and safeguarding risk. At present, four section 47 medicals have been completed since the implementation of this process in Bury. And there have been no reported difficulties

## **Safeguarding Assurance Pennine Acute Hospital Trust & Norther Care Alliance**

- 3.5 The assurance process with Pennine Acute Hospital Trust has continued with the submission of the Q4 contractual standards data and action plan and a virtual meeting taking place during April. There remains a number of standards on Amber and the Trust have been challenged at Director Level to ensure there is oversight at Board level
- 3.6 There is a weekly assurance and support call with the Northern Care Alliance safeguarding lead to ensure the CCG are sighted on any emerging concerns, especially around delivery of service for safeguarding an looked after children. The Bury Local Care Organisation has developed a risk stratification tool to ensure the health visitors and school nurses are making informed decisions around visiting. The risk assessment includes known or potential safeguarding risk within a family, who has visited them from the wider professional family, any covid symptom risk within the family which would impact on visiting and when and how the last contact with health services was.

## **4 Adult Work streams and Assurance**

### **National Probation Service**

- 4.1 The CCG safeguarding team has worked with the National Probation Service (NPS) to ensure that health needs of prisoners who have been released early due to the Covid -19 crises can be met. The team shared the contact details for the NPS to GP's alongside an explanation of the scheme. Additionally, a mental health nurse for the Complex Care team of the CCG has provided access to expert advice for the officers of the NPS.

### **MAPPA**

- 4.2 The team have supported and attended three MAPPA meetings (Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements) where the multi-agency plan is agreed to support the management in the community of risky individuals in the community. The meetings are often long and the individuals discussed are complex.
- 4.3 There are been information sharing requests on three individuals who were due to be reviewed under the Prevent programme. The team is the point of interface between the programme and the GP's, gathering information and sharing on the GP's behalf. Additionally, there has been a new case where information was sought, gathered and shared.

## **Personal Protective Equipment**

- 4.4 There have been request for liaison and assurance around Cygnet, the private mental health hospital in Bury, and, The Priory Highbank, a unit for adult with brain injuries and a small unit for children with complex disabilities who require nursing care. The request for assurance was around covid positive cases and access to PPE. Working directly with the units and with NHSE Specialist Commissioning, the team have provided assurance that all PPE in in place and that staff are trained. Daily sitreps are provided to the team from NHS England in respect of Cygnet. This is then shared with the OCO Silver command meeting.

## **Bury Integrated Safeguarding Partnership**

- 4.5 The CCG's safeguarding professionals and executive lead continue to engage with the BISP (Bury Integrated Safeguarding Board) and have attended the following
- The main Strategic Board
  - The business group for children
  - The business group for adults
  - The case review panels for three cases, one child serious case review and two serious adult reviews, and completion of the associated work that
  - The BISP have instigated a rapid review into a case and the Named GP for safeguarding has attended the practice to review the records of the family
- 4.6 The team continues to provide expert advice to the system, including to the safeguarding teams in the Providers, the LADO, (The Local Authority Designated Officer) and GP's. The designated nurses have also provided three episodes of supervision to GM colleagues.

## **5 Associated Work**

- 5.1 As noted above, the team has been supporting a range of other work and there has been some redeployment within the team to support the work. The areas are listed below:
- Supporting the heath protection team
  - Supporting the work to establish a Nightingale Unit at a Gorse Clough
  - Supporting and visit a local home where the OCO are looking to open further beds, if required
  - Supporting discharges where there may be concerns from homes around the discharge
  - Supporting work in respect of the verification of deaths process
  - Attending the system wide calls daily and the OCO silver meetings daily
  - Leading on implementation of the request from the Chief Nursing Officer for England to provide further support and training to care home and care at home providers around PPE, testing and infection control.

## **6 Recommendations**

- 6.1 The committee is asked to note the contents of the report and recognise the extensive work that continues to ensure that the CCG meets its statutory duties.
- 6.2 The committee are asked to approve that the papers is presented at the full Governing Body meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020

## **7 Actions Required**

- 7.1 The Quality and Performance committee is required to:
- Approve

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