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NHS Greater Manchester Safeguarding Annual Report 2023/24

Part of Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership

NHS Greater Manchester (GM) Key Demographics

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662,942
Children aged 0-17 in Greater Manchester

1,787,407
Number of Adults (18- 65) in Greater Manchester

461,395
Number of Adults (65 plus) in Greater Manchester

GM Domestic Homicide Reviews during 2023/2024
31

GM Statutory Safeguarding Reviews
during 2023/24 (Children 36 and Adult 31)

10
GM Corporate Parenting Boards

10 local Authorities and 1 police force GMP

19
GM Safeguarding Children Partnerships & Safeguarding Adult Boards (Manchester is joint)

10
GM Community Safety Partnerships

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Executive Summary

NHS Greater Manchester (GM) as a newly formed organisation from 1st July 2022, has continued to discharge our statutory safeguarding duties throughout 2023-24 in relation to safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk.

As an Integrated Care Board (ICB) we undertake our statutory responsibility for safeguarding fully and aim to promote safety and wellbeing in our staff, stakeholders, children, young people and adults particularly those who are most vulnerable. Additionally, as commissioners of local health services, the ICB assures itself that the organisations from which it commissions services have effective safeguarding arrangements in place.

The NHS GM Chief Nurse holds the statutory accountability for safeguarding and is supported by the Deputy Chief Nurse and Associate Director of Safeguarding. Statutory safeguarding responsibilities are delegated to the Associate Directors of Quality in each of the GM localities and delivery of the statutory functions are undertaken by the locality Designated Teams.

NHS GM is able to demonstrate that there are appropriate safeguarding governance systems in place for discharging their statutory safeguarding duties and functions in line with key statutory legislation.

Forward and Introduction

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This is the second Safeguarding Annual Report of NHS Greater Manchester (NHS GM). The report provides assurance to the board regarding our Integrated Care Board (ICB) safeguarding functions and outlines our continued fulfilment of our statutory safeguarding duties. Our GM integrated and collaborative approach to safeguarding is demonstrated throughout the report supported by the commitment across all our NHS GM localities to ensure safeguarding statutory duties are fulfilled.

This annual report information is from the 1st April 2023 up to 31st March 2024.

This report provides the Board with an overview of how we have fulfilled our safeguarding statutory requirements, our contributions across GM to the Safeguarding Children Partnerships and Adult Board arrangements and our collaboration with providers and system colleagues. The focus for the year of this report was to support the re-shaping of our relationships with safeguarding partners including our health colleagues now that the organisations are part of an Integrated Care System. For safeguarding, and as a result of our approach we continue to working more collaboratively with the health and care system aligning our collective voice to support future strategy development and delivery

NHS GM strongly believes that everyone has the right to be free from abuse and protected from harm. A strong commitment to prevention and early intervention is vital to safeguard our children, families and adults. We continue to implement national guidance, system connectivity and drive our engagement within our multi agency partnerships, with a commitment to learning from safeguarding reviews and incidents to improve outcomes for our population across GM whilst holding the voice of our population central to our focus and delivery.

Everyone has the right to live their lives safely and free from abuse, harm and neglect. The Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board (ICB) commits to working in collaboration with partner agencies including health, police, local authorities and education to keep all those living in our communities safe.

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GM ICS Strategy - Our Vision (2023-28)

"We want Greater Manchester to be a place where everyone can live a good life, growing up, getting on and growing old in a greener, fairer, more prosperous city region"

NHS GM Safeguarding Governance Arrangements

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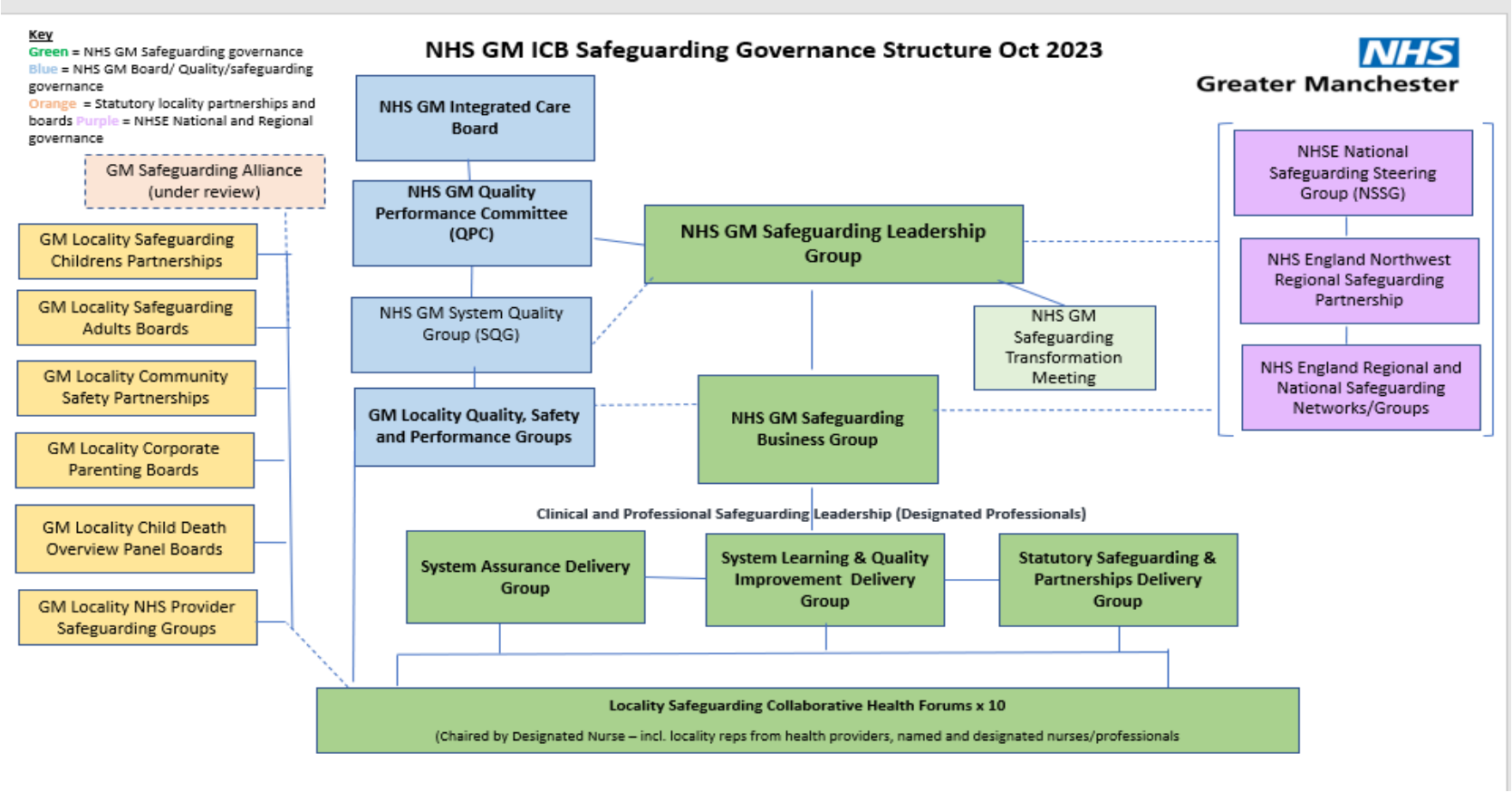
Safeguarding remains within the overarching NHS GM quality governance structure. The NHS GM safeguarding governance structure supports an integrated model for the delivery of the safeguarding functions across the organisational and with system partners. This also provides the opportunity for system learning and improvement and safeguarding oversight and assurance across the localities within NHS GM.



Safeguarding Legislation

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- Safeguarding adults and children is enshrined within UK law and is key to ensuring that all NHS GM statutory safeguarding functions are fulfilled asper legislation, statutory guidance, and regulations.
- The NHSE Safeguarding Accountability & Assurance Framework (2024) (SAAF) provides the strategic framework for ensuring strategic system oversight of safeguarding priorities.
- Key national legislation and guidance for safeguarding are: *(this list is not exhaustive)*

Children Act 1989, 2004	Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023	Health and Care Act 2022	Children and Social Work Act 2017	Counter-Terrorism Act 2015
Serious Crime Act 2015	Domestic Abuse Act 2021	NHS Constitution and Values	Childrens and Families Act 2014	Mental Health Act 1983, 2007
Modern Slavery Act 2015	Care Act 2014	Human Rights Act 1998	Mental Capacity Act 2005	Prevent Duty 2023

GM Safeguarding Children Partnerships, Adult Safeguarding Boards and Community Safety Partnerships

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NHS GM is an equal and joint statutory partner along with the Local Authority and Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for safeguarding Children Partnerships and a statutory partner for the GM Adult Safeguarding Boards. NHS GM continues to work together with our statutory partners and other agencies to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults across GM.

There are nineteen safeguarding partnerships and boards across the GM footprint, one of which is joint. Our NHS GM statutory function for the boards and partnerships during 2023-24 has been delivered via the following arrangements:

- Our Assistant Director Quality (ADQ) in each locality has attended the Safeguarding Board/Partnership meetings with delegated executive responsibility from the ICB Chief Nurse.
- Our Designated Safeguarding teams in each locality attend the Board/Partnership meetings as expert advisors. They also provide representation to facilitate and influence the subgroups of the partnerships/boards and associated workstreams to fulfill our statutory responsibilities and contribute to our integrated system safeguarding partnership work. This included oversight of learning and improvement from statutory health reviews across the health system.
- Corporate Parenting Boards for Looked after Children and Care Leavers are attended by our Designated Teams in each locality to fulfill our statutory responsibility as an ICB and Corporate Parent and support the partnership work.
- Community Safety Partnerships are attended by our ADQs or Designated teams in each locality to represent our NHS GM organisation and fulfill our statutory responsibilities regarding domestic abuse, serious violence, modern day slavery and Prevent.
- As a statutory partner we contribute to each of our safeguarding partnership/boards annual reports which outline our key achievements and priorities for each of the GM localities (see appendix A).
- Our NHS GM safeguarding and quality governance routes within each locality and our wider GM governance ensure our continued oversight and contribution to the work of our partnerships and boards is maintained.

NHS GM Safeguarding Partnership and Board current annual report links are attached in **Appendix A.** The current Annual Reports will highlight the achievements throughout 2022/23 across the Boards/Partnerships.

Safeguarding Assurance

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NHS GM has a statutory responsibility for ensuring safe systems of care are delivered and to ensure that all health providers with whom they commission, discharge their functions regarding safeguarding and the promotion of welfare of children, young people and adults at risk. The statutory safeguarding assurance processes set out in the SAAF (2024) have been adhered too.

NHS GM Safeguarding Children, Young People and Adults at Risk Contractual Standards provide the safeguarding audit framework used to monitor all NHS and Non-NHS providers of health care and ensure safeguarding arrangements are in place to provide oversight of provider annual safeguarding assurance.

The NHS GM Designated Safeguarding Team oversee the coordination of system safeguarding assurance in conjunction with, contracting, commissioning and quality teams. During 2023/24 we have worked with senior leads across all localities to streamline our assurance processes whilst maintaining safeguarding quality improvement.

We have created a central pan GM assurance model to align and strengthen our system oversight, support early identification of safeguarding system risks and support improved safeguarding standards across NHS GM commissioned services. This aligns with the NHS GM Quality Oversight Framework and Quality Strategy.

Assurance of ICB's is overseen by NHS England who undertake this statutory role. NHSE ICB assurance reviews are carried out quarterly via the Safeguarding Commissioning Assurance Toolkit (SCAT),completion of self-assessment heatmaps, and monitoring through the NHS Safeguarding Case Review Tracker(SCRT) and NHS Safeguarding Integrated Data Dashboards.

Safeguarding Assurance is a continuous cycle and we have continued to standardise our approach to assurance across GM in 23/24

Achievements 2023-2024

- Development of additional NHS GM safeguarding policies and procedures
- Implementation of mandatory safeguarding training strategy and allocation of role specific training for ICB employees
- Implemented mechanisms for central oversight and reporting compliance of large NHS providers
- Development of a single safeguarding assurance framework for NHS GM
- Annual review and update of the GM Safeguarding contractual standards in line with new legislation and national requirements.
- Development of locality health collaborative meetings to strengthen health system relationship and identification of potential system risk and embed good practice
- Strengthened safeguarding assurance element within the NHS GM commissioning cycle

Priorities for 2024-25

- Explore opportunities with business intelligence and develop an electronic assurance platform for large NHS providers
- Finalise the NHS GM safeguarding assurance framework and alignment to NHSE operating framework.
- Strengthen central oversight mod el of assurance to ensure the most effective and efficient system provider oversight model is in place
- Develop and implement a risk stratification process for safeguarding aligned to quality and contracting for provider oversight.
- Ensure implementation of SAAF protocols 2024 across NHS GM and commissioned providers via our assurance process.

Safeguarding Statutory Reviews

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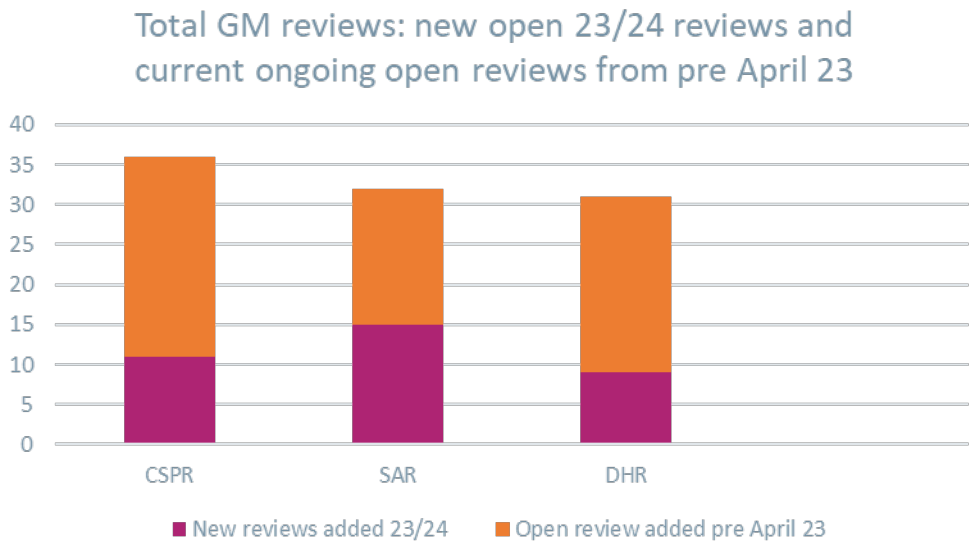
ICB's are required to participate in all statutory safeguarding reviews, Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs), Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPR's) and Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) as outlined within legislation including the Care Act (2014), The Children and Social Work Act (2017) and Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004).

The ICB contributes to all reviews via our Designated Safeguarding Teams across 10 GM localities as part of their statutory duties alongside the Safeguarding Adult Boards, Children Partnerships and Community Safety Partnerships.

Learning from reviews informs locality system level development and improved outcomes for our population whilst identified thematic areas of learning influence our GM system, regional and national priority areas of work.

The graphs below provide an overview of the statutory review activity across Greater Manchester from the 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024. During 2023-24.

GM undertook a total of 126 statutory reviews. GM has the largest number of reviews compared to the other ICB's in the Northwest region



Type of review	Review opened 23-24	Review closed 23-24	Total Number of open GM reviews 23-24
Rapid review (children)	22	22	0
Child safeguarding Practice review (CSPR)	11	0	36
Safeguarding Adult review (SAR)	15	3	32
Domestic Homicide Review (DHR)	9	2	31

Learning from Safeguarding Statutory Reviews

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Overarching key themes and priority areas have been evident through GM statutory safeguarding Reviews in 2023-24 have been identified as the following:

- Child Neglect
- Child Sexual Abuse/ Exploitation
- Domestic Abuse
- Application of Mental Capacity Act
- Self-Neglect

2023 – 2024 highlights:
Development of the new NHS GM Review Platform to;

- Create consistency and GM oversight of system learning from reviews
- Provide 'health specific' and location specific focused learning opportunities
- Highlight priority areas for audit
- Provision of system wide review data capability

MCA Development Session – Developed to support level 4/5 safeguarding intercollegiate requirements. GM review case examples utilised to enhance GM learning offer.

Designated Doctor/ Named Professional Annual Conference - Planned for early 2025 and developed around the 5 priority areas.

GM Safeguarding Delivery Group: System Learning and Improvement:

- **Continues to strengthen the response to learning from reviews on behalf of GM ICB.**
- **During 24/25 will support greater system wide understanding of health-related issues impacting upon safeguarding people within our localities.**
- **An ambition to continue to act responsively to learning from reviews across GM to protect our most vulnerable people with a focus on prevention and reduction of harm.**
- **Provide a single point of entry for shared learning across 10 localities demonstrating a coordinated output to improve system outcomes on key priority areas.**

Domestic Abuse

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Domestic Abuse Requirements	NHS GM Assurance and Kay Areas of Development
NHS GM ICB Statutory Functions	• NHS GM Executive Chief Nurse is accountable for the statutory commissioning assurance functions of the safeguarding elements of domestic abuse. Safeguarding alignment with NHS GM Population Health as part of the wider DA agenda for the ICB. • Statutory responsibility to participate in Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR's) which is maintained via safeguarding designated teams. • Strategic oversight via the GM Gender Based Violence Board, locality Community Safety Partnerships, Safeguarding Boards and Safeguarding Partnerships. • All localities have representation on the Community Safety Partnerships, Domestic Abuse local partnership board and DA Strategy which includes safer accommodation or stand-alone Safer Accommodation Strategy
NHS GM Domestic abuse policy, procedures and systems to monitor the domestic abuse agenda	• Domestic abuse is incorporated within NHS GM Safeguarding Policy for ICB staff • Domestic abuse is a key workstream of NHS GM Safeguarding Statutory Responsibilities and Partnerships Delivery Group as part of NHS GM Safeguarding Governance arrangements. • Designated professionals have maintained oversight of the system response to the introduction of the Domestic Abuse Bill 2021 and is included within NHS GM provider safeguarding contractual standards in 2023-24. • All localities have a Domestic Abuse Strategy which includes safer accommodation or a stand-alone Safer Accommodation Strategy
NHS GM System achievements for 2023-24	• Primary care and DVA offer – this work is progressing in conjunction with Population Health to support an equitable standardised offer across general practice in GM. • Domestic abuse is outlined in our ICB Joint Forward Plan 2023 – 28 as a key area of development • Partnership engagement at the GM Gender Based Violence Board to promote a GM collaborative response across the system
NHS GM System developments for 2024-25	• Implementation of NHSE Safeguarding Assurance and Accountability Protocols 2024 - Domestic Abuse, Serious Violence and Sexual Violence outline ICB responsibilities. • Launch and implementation of the GM Gender Based Violence strategy during 24 • System learning form DHRs – implement the ICB delegated NHSE responsibility for review of DHRs and ensure system learning across the ICB. • The ICB will engage in the Sexual Safety Charter and promote the requirement across our commissioned providers

Serious Violence Duty

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The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022, introduced a new statutory Serious Violence Duty [SVD] for specified authorities in a locality to collaborate to prevent and reduce serious violence. NHS Greater Manchester is the specified authority for health in each locality and therefore has statutory safeguarding duties and legal duties to fulfil.

Serious Violence Duty Requirements	NHS GM Assurance & Key Areas of Development
NHS GM ICB Statutory Functions	• NHS GM Chief Nurse and Executive Director of Population health hold the serious violence duty responsibilities for NHS GM which are delegated to Deputy Place Based Leads in localities. • NHSE Safeguarding Assurance and Accountability Protocols 2024 - Domestic Abuse, Serious Violence and Sexual Violence outline ICB responsibilities. • Strategic oversight is provided via the GM Violence reduction Board, Steering Group, Community Safety Partnerships, Safeguarding Adult Boards and Safeguarding Children Partnerships.
Embedding SVD within NHS GM Policy, Procedures and ensure systems in place to progress the agenda	• NHS GM Joint Forward Plan reflects domestic abuse including how the ICB will address the needs of victims of abuse (including domestic abuse and sexual abuse, whether children or adults). • NHS GM commitment to the Sexual Safety Charter and an ICBs Domestic Abuse Policy for their workforce is in place • Designated Safeguarding Professionals work as part of local systems to contribute to delivery of strategic plans incorporating Domestic Abuse/ Serious Violence • NHS GM provides commissioner assurance of DV/SV through the NHS standard contract.
NHS GM System achievements for 2023 -24	• GM SVD steering group has developed a strategy will be available from April 2024. • Manchester Joint Targeted Area Inspection [JTAI] Serious Youth Violence findings and learning shared across the system via the GM Violence Reduction Unit outlining positive achievements across the system.
NHS GM System developments for 2024-25	• NHS GM to consider how existing structures and partnerships can facilitate the implementation of the GM Serious Violence Duty. • To implement Manchester Joint Targeted Area Inspection [JTAI] Serious Youth Violence findings and learning and demonstrate outcomes across the NHS GM system.

Prevent

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In April 2015, the Prevent Statutory Duty under Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 was made a statutory responsibility for the health sector. Prevent is part of the UK's Counter Terrorism Strategy known as CONTEST. Prevent works to stop individuals from getting involved or supporting terrorism or extremist activity.

Prevent Requirements	NHS GM Assurance & Key Areas of Development
NHS GM ICB Prevent statutory functions	• NHS GM Chief Nurse as a Board level Executive Director fulfills the function of Prevent Lead for the organisation. • Designated Nurse/Professionals Prevent Leads are in within the localities and are responsible for delivery of the Prevent agenda as per NHS Safeguarding Prevent Duty Protocol for Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) - April 2024
Prevent within NHS GM Policy, Procedures to ensure systems in place to monitor the Prevent agenda	• Prevent is a key workstream of NHS GM Safeguarding Statutory Responsibilities and Partnerships Delivery Group and is reported as part of NHS GM Safeguarding Governance arrangements. • Prevent is incorporated within NHS GM Safeguarding Policy including a Prevent concern flowchart and locality referral details. • Strategic oversight continues via the GM Prevent Network and Locality CSP boards.
NHS GM System achievements for 2023-24	• The NHS GM Safeguarding Children and Adults Training Needs Analysis outlined for Prevent training continues to be monitored via the Electronic Staff Record [ESR]. • Prevent is included within NHS GM quarterly safeguarding reporting and NHS GM Safeguarding provider safeguarding contractual standards through 2023/24. • Designated teams at locality provide representation at Channel & locality Prevent Networks to ensure statutory system oversight and health representation is fulfilled.
NHS GM System developments for 2024-25	• GM Workstream Portfolio lead in place to coordinate the work stream across the northwest region, GM and locality Prevent leads. • Northwest regional Prevent Action Plan with NHS GM contribution to continue inline with the Prevent Duty Guidance 2023 as a health specified authority. • NHSE national data reporting from NHS Acute provider trusts – quarterly ICB assurance and oversight maintained and aligned to provider oversight.

Looked After Children and Care Leavers

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NHS GM responsibilities for Looked After Children are set out in Promoting the Health and Wellbeing of Looked After Children (DfE, 2015) and Working Together To Safeguard Children (2023). ICBs in collaboration with other NHS commissioners and local authority partners have a responsibility to ensure the timely and effective delivery of health services to Looked After Children and Care Leavers.

Looked After Children and Care Leavers	NHS GM Assurance & Key Areas of Development
NHS GM ICB Statutory Functions	• NHS GM Chief Nurse is the organisational lead with responsibility for looked after children and young people to ensure the organisational statutory responsibilities are fulfilled.
NHS GM policy, procedures and systems to monitor the LAC and Care leaver agenda	• Looked After Children is a key workstream of NHS GM System Assurance Delivery Group as part of NHS GM Safeguarding Governance arrangements. • Designated professionals have maintained oversight of the commissioned services compliance with Looked after Children via the NHS GM provider safeguarding contractual standards in 2023-24 to ensure system oversight and assurance. • Designated Nurses Looked After Children represent and contribute to locality Corporate Parent Boards to ensure statutory requirements are fulfilled.
NHS GM System achievements for 2023-24	• Strengthened system wide learning form safeguarding reviews to improve outcomes for looked after children and care leavers. • Strengthened governance and reporting mechanisms to the 10 Corporate Parenting Boards across localities. • Looked after Children element included within the NHS GM Children and Young People Delivery Plan with the aim of improved standardisation of service offers and reduced unwarranted variation. • Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children focus for thematic review to include identification of need and required health pathways. Outputs to be embedded into NHS GM system work streams during 24-25. • Implementation of the NHSE National Looked After Children data set across providers - initial phase of implementation has required support from providers. The data set is included in provider contracts for 2024/25 to support national requirements.
NHS GM System developments for 2024-25	• A review of the current GM service specifications for Looked After Children and development of one GM overarching service specification to support reducing unwarranted variation in the service offer. • Explore the opportunity to develop a standard set of Key Performance Indicators relating to the above to support improved health outcomes. • Continued development of the GM Looked After Children dataset, to support oversight at a strategic level and feed into the National dataset.

Mental Capacity Act [including Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) & Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS)

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The Mental Capacity Act (MCA) 2005 applies to everyone involved in the care, treatment and support of people aged 16 and over living in England and Wales who are unable to make all or some decisions for themselves. LPS (formerly DoLS) is rooted firmly within the Mental Capacity Act 2005. LPS implementation has been delayed by HM Government until further notice therefore the existing DoLS arrangements remain in place.

Mental Capacity Act (MCA) & DoLS/LPS	NHS GM Assurance & Key Areas of Development
NHS GM ICB Statutory Functions	• NHS GM Chief Nurse is the organisational MCA lead and will the organisational statutory responsibilities are fulfilled. • MCA governance and oversight arrangements
NHS GM MCA and DoLS/LPS policy, procedures and systems to monitor the MCA agenda	• MCA workstream has oversight via NHS GM Safeguarding Statutory Responsibilities and Partnerships Delivery Group as part of NHS GM Safeguarding Governance arrangements. • MCA improvement plan to demonstrate good practice across NHS GM which can be used to standardise and strengthen practice/process in all areas and support organisational requirements and assessment of potential risk. • All NHS GM staff complete Level 2 adult safeguarding training which incorporate MCA. Bespoke Level 3 MCA has been delivered to clinical staff within CHC.
NHS GM System achievements for 2023-24	• NHS GM MCA and DoLS Policy and Procedure for staff which outlines how NHS GM will discharge the statutory responsibilities. • Submission of NHSE Safeguarding Q2 MCA Heat Map and development of an MCA improvement plan. • Establishment of a joint safeguarding and CHC MCA Task and finish group to support the delivery of action plan.
NHS GM system developments for 2024-25	• Engagement with wider ICS and partners will support this workstream as we progress our improvement plan. • identified as a key theme area of learning and improvement from statutory safeguarding reviews – key focus area for system development during 24-25.

Child Deaths

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NHS GM as one of the statutory child death review partners along with local authorities must make arrangements for child death reviews to meet the statutory requirements under the Children Act 2004.. This function is carried out by the Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) to ensure that a review is undertaken for all infant/child deaths age 0-17 years, excluding babies who are stillborn, late foetal loss and planned terminations of pregnancy carried out within the law. There are four CDOPs in place across the NHS GM footprint which fulfil these requirements. The four Greater Manchester (GM) CDOPs [3 tripartite arrangements and Manchester] adopt a collaborative approach and use an electronic eCDOP system that supports the ten GM local authorities with oversight and learning from the deaths..

Child Death	NHS GM Assurance & Key Areas of Development
NHS GM ICB Statutory Functions	• Arrangements for oversight of child deaths and learning form the deaths is undertaken by four CDOP across GM led by Local Authority Public Health Leads. • NHS GM undertakes the statutory role of child death reviews via Designated Doctors for Child Deaths supported by the commissioned GM Sudden Unexplained Death of a Child (SUDC) service.
NHS GM policy, procedures and systems to monitor the Child Death agenda	• Designated Nurses Safeguarding Children and Designated Doctors Child Deaths fulfil NHS GM responsibility as members of the four CDOPs. • CDOP fulfils the statutory requirement to produce an annual report which provides a summary of the key learning and emerging trends with the aim of preventing future child deaths. This is reviewed through the NHS GM Statutory Responsibilities and Partnerships Delivery Group and NHS GM strategic governance plus all locality Safeguarding Children Partnerships and GM Health and Wellbeing Boards. • Child death review partners must make arrangements for the analysis of information from all deaths reviewed by the National Child Mortality Database (NCMD).
NHS GM System achievements for 2023-24	• A Public Health project has been implemented to improve this area of the child death process during 2023-24 for Sustainability of admin sufficiency across Greater Manchester to improve timeliness of panel reviews of child deaths • Designated Doctors for Child deaths have been recruited to across most NHS GM localities.
NHS GM system developments for 2024-25	• To facilitate system arrangements for the analysis of information from all deaths reviewed by the National Child Mortality Database (to ensure that lessons are learned following a child's death that learning is widely shared, and that actions are taken, locally to reduce child mortality. • Implementation of the NHSE Safeguarding Child Death Overview Process (CDOP) Protocol when available in 2024-25

Child Protection Information System

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The Child Protection Information System (CP-IS) is a national system that connects local authorities' child social care IT systems with those used by unscheduled care settings. The sharing of child protection information and health data using the CP-IS enables NHS GM and health providers to meet their statutory duties under the Children Act 2004. From April 2024 NHS GM will be accountable for the continued implementation of Phase 2 CP-IS and associated system leadership this will include; primary care, mental health CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services), sexual health, 0-19 Services, community paediatrics and dentistry.

Child Protection Information System (CPIS)	NHS GM Assurance & Key Areas of Development
NHS GM ICB Statutory Functions	• From April 2024 Chief Nursing Officer is responsible for the roll-out plan of CP-IS with the Local Authority, Local Childrens Safeguarding Partnerships and as part of the integrated care strategy • Implementation of the NHSE CP-IS Safeguarding Protocol April (2024)
NHS GM CPIS policy, procedures and systems to monitor the CPIS agenda	• The Designated Nurses and Professionals are responsible for being the first point of contact in the local system and for co-ordinating the health providers responses in conjunction with NHS GM CP-IS workstream lead and the CP-IS national team. • NHS GM oversight of CP-IS engagement with providers via Statutory Responsibilities and Partnerships Delivery Group and reported via NHS GM governance to the Quality Performance Committee.
NHS GM System achievements for 2023-24	• Phase 2 CP-IS early adopter site – Manchester GP practice. • NHS GM provider oversight of current CP-IS via Safeguarding contractual standards.
NHS GM system developments for 2024-25	• Establish an NHS GM CP-IS Steering Group to oversee the delivery of this statutory function • Work collaboratively with all stakeholders to ensure the application of CP-IS roll out phase 2 and 3 including NHSEA Digital. • Oversight of CP-IS implementation in localities via Safeguarding Health Collaboratives and NHs GM safeguarding contractual standards.

Modern Day Slavery

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Modern slavery is a serious, complex, harmful, and largely hidden crime. In England and Wales, modern slavery is used as an umbrella term that covers several different forms of exploitation of adults and children which can include human trafficking, labour exploitation, criminal exploitation, sexual exploitation, organ trafficking and domestic servitude. ICB must ensure any commissioned services are compliant with the Modern Slavery Act 2015. NHS GM recognises that it has a responsibility to take a robust approach to slavery and human trafficking and is absolutely committed to preventing slavery and human trafficking in its corporate activities

Modern Day Slavery Requirements	NHS GM Assurance & Key Areas of Development
NHS GM ICB Statutory Functions	• NHS GM Chief Nurse is the organisational Modern Day Slavery (MDS) lead and is required to ensure that all organisational statutory responsibilities are fulfilled. • Implementation of the NHSE Modern Day Slavery Safeguarding Protocol April (2024
NHS GM MDS policy, procedures and systems to monitor the MDS agenda	• MDS is a key workstream of NHS GM Safeguarding Statutory Responsibilities and Partnerships Delivery Group as part of NHS GM Safeguarding Governance arrangements. • NHS GM Modern Slavery statement must be updated and published annually in line with legislative requirements and NHS values. • The NHS GM Safeguarding policy includes Modern Day Slavery and relevant referral pathways. • Designated Teams support the MDS agenda with a locality level lead identified working to inform the local approach in tackling MDS through Community Safety Partnerships.
NHS GM System achievements for 2023-24	• MDS is included and monitored within NHS GM quarterly safeguarding reporting and NHS GM Safeguarding provider contractual standards through 2023/24. • Thematic learning from national and local intelligence has been to inform improved outcomes and system development in areas such as Baby Harvesting and Exploitation and Organised Immigration Crime in the Care Sector. • NHS GM is a partner agency on the GM Challenger Board which supports the multiagency response to MDS across GM.
NHS GM System developments for 2024-25	• Annual review of GM NHS ICB Modern Day Slavery statement. • Engagement with wider partners and stakeholders both regionally and locally to inform the workplan for this workstream moving forward.

NHS GM Safeguarding Priorities 2024-25

	Priorities 2023-24
1	Continue to deliver our statutory responsibilities and those outlined within the NHSE Safeguarding Accountability and Assurance Framework (SAAF) (2024) for Safeguarding (Children, Cared for Children and Adults) on behalf of the ICB and as outlined in the NHSE SAAF Safeguarding protocols.
2	Provide strategic influence across the NHS GM system to ensure our safeguarding arrangements continue to be robust and improve the quality of safeguarding across the GM system within localities and across multiagency safeguarding boards and partnerships.
3	To support the implementation of our identified safeguarding priorities as outlined in the NHS GM Joint Forward Plan
4	To respond to any amendments to legislation and statutory guidance impacting upon statutory safeguarding functions and practice including the Domestic Abuse Bill, Working Together to Safeguarding Children (2023), Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill reforms
5	To proactively engage, support and respond to developments and emerging safeguarding risks (Nationally, Regionally and locally identified).
6	Ensure the voices of people remain central to safeguarding across NHS GM and the wider safeguarding system.
7	Support effective system learning and improvement at locality, regional and national level as a result of learning identified through Greater Manchester Statutory Safeguarding reviews to ensure that recommendations from safeguarding reviews are implemented and embedded in practice and policy.
8	Work with our partners to support and deliver effective safeguarding partnership arrangements across Greater Manchester as we embed national Working Together (2023) reform.

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Conclusion

NHS GM has continued to deliver our statutory safeguarding responsibilities throughout 2023-24. Our work has continued to enable us develop safeguarding delivery across the GM conurbation within our localities and influence future developments for safeguarding at a Greater Manchester system level.

We will continue to utilise and build on our collaborative partnership arrangements and our passion to safeguard whilst we continue our work across the Greater Manchester footprint. We will ensure we continue to embrace the voice of children, young people, families and adults enabling their contribution to safeguarding across the Integrated Care Partnership.

Appendix A – NHS GM Safeguarding Partnerships & Boards Annual Reports 2022-23

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(Annual reports for 2023-24 are currently in progress)

LOCALITY	ADULT/ CHILDREN/ JOINT	LINK TO REPORT	YEAR OF REPORT
Bolton	Adults	bolton-safeguarding-adults-board-annual-report-2023	2022-2023
Bolton	Children	KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN BOLTON Annual Report 2021/2022	2021-2022
Bury	Adults	Annual report of the Bury Safeguarding Adults Board 2022-23	2022-2023
Bury	Children	Annual report of the Bury Safeguarding Children Partnership	2022-2023
HMR	Joint	rbscp_annual_report_2022_2023	2022-2023
Manchester	Joint	MSP-Annual-Report-2022-23	2022-2023
Oldham	Adult	Oldham-Safeguarding-Adults-Board-Annual-Report-2022-23	2022-2023
Oldham	children	OSCP annual report 2022-3 final	2022-2023
Salford	Adults	Salford Safeguarding Adults Board 19th Annual Report 2022 to 2023	2022-2023
Salford	Children	Salford Safeguarding Children Annual Report	2022-2023
Stockport	Joint	SSAP-Annual-Report-2022-23.	2022-2023
Tameside	Adult	The-TASPB-2022-2023-Annual-Report	2022-2023
Tameside	Children	TSCP-Annual-Report-Final-2223	2022-2023
Trafford	Adult	Annual Report 2022 to 2023	2022-2023
Trafford	Children	Trafford Safeguarding Children Annual Report	2021-2022
Wigan	Adult	WSAB Annual Report 2022 2023	2022-2023
Wigan	Children	WSCP Annual Report 2022-23	2022-2023

Glossary

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- **SAB** – Safeguarding Adult Board
- **SCP** – Safeguarding Children's Partnership
- **CDOP** – Child Death Overview Panel
- **LeDeR** – Learning Disability Death Reviews
- **MARAC** – Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (Domestic Abuse meeting for professionals to safeguard victims)
- **Child Protection Conferences** – statutory meeting to share information to safeguard children/young people and promote their welfare, development and health
- **CSPR** – Child Safeguarding Practice Review
- **SAR** –Serious Adult Review
- **RR** – Rapid Review
- **DHR-** Domestic Homicide Review
- **Looked After Children** – Children in Care of Local Authority
- **IRIS** – Identification and Referral to Improve Safety – a training, support and referral program for Primary Care to support victims of domestic abuse
- **Trauma informed care/practice** – an approach which considers how an individual's behaviour or thinking may be impacted by past trauma
- **MCA** – Mental Capacity Act
- **DoLs** – Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards
- **LPS** – Liberty Protection Safeguards
- **GM** – Greater Manchester
- **DVA** – domestic violence & abuse
- **IDVA**: Independent Domestic Violence Advocate
- **NHSE** – NHS England
- **LD** – Learning Disability
- **EPR** – Electronic Patient Records
- **NHS GM ICB** – NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board
- **ICP** – Integrated Care Partnership