This paper attempts to explain the purpose and function of health’s safeguarding children structures and processes and should be read in sight of the safeguarding children groups’ structure for CIOS health organisations (diagram – Appendix 1).

Health care in Cornwall is supplied by different providers. Some of the providers belong to the NHS while others are private business enterprises. Majority of the providers services are commissioned by Kernow Clinical Commissioning group (KCCG). The organisations listed below are main providers of services

**Service Providers**

**Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust**

Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust comprises of Treliske in Truro, St Michael’s in Hayle and West Cornwall Hospital in Penzance. The Trust provides inpatient care and midwifery services to the people of Cornwall and Isles of Scilly.

Treliske has a Safeguarding Children Operational Group (SCOG). This group meets bi-monthly. Membership comprises of organisational executive safeguarding lead, Named Professionals, service managers and others.

The aim of the group is to develop; monitor systems and processes to ensure the issues of safeguarding of children and young people are adopted and embedded within the Trust. It is a forum for networking and disseminating safeguarding information.

The group

- Maintains and reviews policies and procedures for safeguarding children and young people in accordance with national legislation and regional and local guidance
- Actions plans and monitor implementation of recommendations from Serious Case Reviews and Serious Incidents and disseminates these across the organisation.
- Embraces and embeds the wider agenda of safeguarding reflected in national legislation, e.g. Essential Standards of Quality and Safety, National Service Frameworks, NICE guidance and regional and local policies.
- An annual audit programme to enable the Trust to monitor the implementation of and compliance with safeguarding policies, procedures and guidelines.

**Peninsula Community Health (PCH) independent enterprise**

Peninsula Community Health (PCH) is responsible for the services supplied within the eleven community hospitals scattered across CIOS the majority of which have Minor Injury units (MIU’s). PCH also supplies the district nursing services and some dentistry services. Children and young people are regularly seen in the MIU’s and in Dental services.
PCH monitors their safeguarding children and adult processes through their Clinical Quality and Safety Committee which reports to PCH full Board. There is no SCOG

**Cornwall Foundation Trust (CFT)**

Cornwall Foundation Trust (CFT) supplies the health visiting and school nursing services, Children and adolescence mental health services (CAHMS) and therapy services.

CFT monitors safeguarding children and adult processes through their Clinical Cabinet which reports to their full Board. CFT organise a conference twice a year which provides the opportunity to disseminate information, new developments lessons learnt and update professionals on topical safeguarding issues. These conferences are open to other providers.

**Health Safeguarding Forum (Duchy)**

This group meets bi monthly and aims to ensure all health organisations have an opportunity to help co-ordinate and develop safeguarding practice across the health community. Currently the membership consists of representation from RCHT, CFT and PCH, South West Ambulance Service, Duchy Hospital, Dental Services, Cornwall Health Out of Hours service and other providers who receive minutes only.

The purpose of the HSCF is for Health Professionals to meet in order to satisfy the requirements of Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015. The group develops and monitor systems and processes to ensure the issues of safeguarding of children and young people are adopted and embedded within the wider health community.

The group provides a forum for discussion enabling members to submit safeguarding topics for exploration and dissemination.

**Meetings**

**Executive Safeguarding Children Leads and Designated professionals meeting**

This group meets prior to the CIOS SCB Executive meeting. It is a forum to oversee the work of the provider organisations ensuring oversight of Governance and Assurance arrangements. The group will challenge and hold partner organisations to account. Professionals should use the forum to discuss their organisational safeguarding children strengths and weakness. Any issues which have the potential to affect other partner agencies will be taken from this group to the CIOS CSB. Executive Group
The CIOS SCB Executive Group

This multi-agency group of providers meets bi-monthly. The Executive safeguarding children leads from RCHT, CFT, PCH and Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group (KCCG) are key members. The Group is Chaired by a CFT Associate Director and the Designated professionals are advisors to the group. Health members can request agenda items to be discussed and there is an expectation the Executive group will request data from health organisations to demonstrate outcomes for children and young people. The Executive group provides health professionals with the opportunity to explore challenge and submit provider work streams to ensure they are fit for purpose and will improve outcomes for children and young people.

CIOS SCB full Board

The Executive safeguarding children leads from RCHT, CFT, PCH and Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group are active members of the SCB.

There is a least one health representative (this is usually a Named professional) sits on all the SCB subgroups. The role of the health sub group member is to ensure information is disseminated to the health providers. This is achieved through the Duchy forum, SCB meetings is a standing agenda for discuss.

Health and Social care

Bi monthly senior paediatricians and safeguarding children nurses meet with senior children social care staff to discuss service operational developments or changes, procedures and processes. An understanding of each other services assists in a more integrated, seamless approach for children and young people.

The Named safeguarding children nurses meet bi monthly with the Designated Nurse for Child Protection to discuss national and local current issues. Twice a year the Designated Doctor and Nurse have a joint meeting with Named Doctors and Nurses to plan and monitor the annual work plan which is reflected in the Named safeguarding children professionals’ annual report which is presented to their organisational Boards.

Health services are continually under review and integration or change of a service provider is commissioned with the aim of improving upon child focussed services.

At the time of writing this paper KCCG have placed Children services ‘out to tender’. The new provider will formally take over the provision of these services in April 2016.

Dated July 2015 written by the Designated Nurse for safeguarding children
Safeguarding Children is a standard agenda item to which the Designated Professionals attends and/or provides a report.

Meeting between Designated Professionals and Executive Safeguarding leads.

Designated Professionals Link to

RCHT Governance Committee
RCHT Divisional Quality & Learning Group
RCHT Safeguarding Children Operational Group
2nd Monday bi-monthly attended by Designated Professionals twice a year

Health Safeguarding Forum (Duchy Group)
3rd Thursday bi-monthly

KCCG Governance and Assurance Group
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Meeting between Designated Professionals and Executive Safeguarding leads.

PCH Full Board
PCH Clinical Quality and Safety Committee

CIOSSCB Performance Group
CFT Full Board
CFT Clinical Cabinet
CFT Professional Forum

Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Safeguarding Children Board (CIOSSCB)
Designated Professionals Health Executive Safeguarding Health Leads

RCHT Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust
Peninsula Community Health
KCCG