

Safeguarding Aims

We aim to oversee the quality of safeguarding practice across the five Coast & Country PCN practices, to provide support to GPs and ensure timely and efficient information exchange between relevant safeguarding teams.



Contact:

Email: dace.walmsley@nhs.net

If you are concerned that a child is being abused,
or to request support, go to:

Devon:

- ✓ Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) **0345 155 1071**
- ✓ Out of hours **0345 600 0388**

Cornwall:

- ✓ Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU) **0300 123 1116**
- ✓ Out of hours **01208 251300**

If it's an emergency call 999

Safeguarding Care Coordinator





Where am I?

The Safeguarding Care Coordinator for children (0-18 years) for Coast & Country Primary Care Network (PCN) works with families at five GP surgeries in the local network: Neetside and Bradworthy surgeries, Holsworthy, Hatherleigh and Stratton Medical Centres.



Confidentiality

Patients and service users entrust us with, or allow us to gather sensitive information in relation to their health and other matters. All access to confidential information relating to patients and carers, practice staff and other healthcare professionals is regarded as strictly confidential.



The role of the Safeguarding Care Coordinator includes:

supporting Safeguarding Lead GPs and ensuring timely and smooth information exchange between Safeguarding Leads and external safeguarding agencies

acting as the first port of call for service users/patients and families as appropriate

attending meetings relevant to caseload

liaising with, and ensuring good communication between professionals in relevant organisations

attending child protection meetings and Team around the Family (TAF) meetings, being a conduit between them and GPs

maintaining an accurate and current child safeguarding contact list

ensuring reports and updates from social workers, school nurseries & Health Visitors are provided to the healthcare team with agreed timescales

notifying clinicians of referrals to Early Help and keeping them informed of any updates as appropriate

developing and fostering working relationships with schools, nurseries and other outside agencies