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REQUEST & RESPONSE

1. The number of referrals made by your NHS Trust to other authorities - such as the police or social services - when there was a suspicion that a child is a victim of exploitation (sexual, criminal, gang-based grooming) for the years 2010 (or earliest available year of data) - 2024 inclusive

14-15 = <5

15-16 = 17

16-17 = 18

17-18 = 10

18-19 = 16

19-20 = 21

20-21 = 15

21-22 = 7

22-23 = 8

23-24 = 8

24-25 = 10

There is variance in numbers over the years due to changes in the data captured in the databases and recording the primary reason for the admission

2. The number of risks assessments conducted on children where there was concern that they had been the victim of child sexual exploitation (using the same timeframe as above).

This data not captured

3. Details of your NHS Trusts' CSE safeguarding arrangements, including work in multi-agency partnerships.

The Trust has Safeguarding Teams based across sites covering maternity, adults and children's safeguarding, each managed by an Assistant Director for Safeguarding. The Trust has Named Nurses for Safeguarding Adults and Children, Named Midwives and Named Doctors, who support a team of Safeguarding, Mental Capacity and Learning Disability and Autism Practitioners. Externally funded Health Independent Domestic and Sexual Abuse Advisors support the team. Several staff provide administrative support.

The Safeguarding Teams actively contribute to decision making in relation to children and young people at risk of CE via attendance at strategy meetings and where applicable CIN meetings and CP Conferences. Appropriate and relevant information is also shared as a part of the Childrens Social Care referral screening processes.

Any learning from Local Safeguarding Practice Reviews is shared with frontline practitioners via the Safeguarding Teams.

The Safeguarding Team provide attendance at Local Safeguarding Boards including their sub-groups for Harm outside the Home and Contextual Safeguarding. The Safeguarding Team have oversight of all referrals and recognising when CE may be considered and undertaking relevant information sharing with partners.

Safeguarding activity including specific referrals for CE are shared with the ICB within the Safeguarding Key Performance Indicators

There is a facility to add an Alert to electronic patient records which highlights that there is a risk of CE which remains in place until the child reaches the age of 18.

- 4. The number of staff employed by your NHS Trust who have received training on CSE.**

The below is taken from Q4 KPIs and number of staff trained at each level.

L1 2447

L2 5630

L3 940

