



Safeguarding Children Clinical Network

The Safeguarding Children Clinical Network (SCCN) was established on 1st May 2011 using a hub and spoke model. This is to enable the Designated Professionals, with the support of the Lead Professionals in the hub, to work together in a collegiate way to address and improve safeguarding children and looked after children services across Southend, Essex and Thurrock. The SCCN is governed by a Network Board and operates under a Memorandum of Understanding which defines the arrangements for the Network model between the CCGs.

Each of the 5 locality teams consist of a Designate Nurse and Doctor for Child Protection, a Designate Nurse and Doctor for Looked After Children, an Associate Designate Nurse and Named GP, Child Death Designate Doctor. The 2 locality teams in South Essex are hosted by Southend CCG but work with all 4 CCGs equally. We work hand in hand with NHS organisations, Local Safeguarding Children Boards, Local Authorities and Essex Police to keep children safe. Our aim is to systematically improve and develop safeguarding and looked after children (LAC) practice through the application of consistent standards, learning from experience, audit findings, reviews, and research and policy guidance. We also provide advice, support, supervision and training to health professionals across the health economy.

