



Child Safe Guarding

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As well as working for over 30 years as a Forensic Physician, for the last seven and a half years I have also been working as the Designated Doctor for Child Safeguarding for Wandsworth CCG.

The two areas of work, Forensic Medicine and Child Safeguarding, are not as separate as many think. In police custody, about a fifth of the detainees are under 18.

In my safeguarding role, I set up a GP network for the leads to meet regularly, introduced Child Safeguarding training to my Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine and established the national designated professional's network.

My professional passion is a forensically based thesis - the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. While the UK lingers midway down the international league of childhood well-being, and 50 to 60 children nationally a year die at the hands of parents and carers, there is much work to do.

Learning Objectives

1. Legislation and guidance
2. Sources of advice
3. Role of the social work department
4. Child protection procedures