Christina

Very organised, tenacious, enthusiastic and committed to raising the bar in relation to safeguarding practices.

Christina started nurse training in 1978 and since qualifying as a state registered nurse (SRN) has enjoyed a very varied and interesting career. Examples of some of these roles are; School Nursing, Health Visiting and Specialist Practice Nursing.

Since 2005 Christina has held senior NHS roles in the field of safeguarding children which included managing the Safeguarding Children services within a Health Trust. These included the Safeguarding Children Team, Health Team for Looked After Children and the Sudden Unexpected Death In Childhood (SUDIC) Service.

Whilst working in safeguarding Christina successfully completed a master’s degree in Child Welfare and Protection along with various courses in management, safeguarding leadership (NHS England) and safeguarding supervision (NSPCC).

From 2010 to 2020 Christina worked within health commissioning organisations as a Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children, working closely with the Designated Nurse for Adult Safeguarding. This is a statutory role and is described by the Royal College of Nursing as “The Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Children provides safeguarding, child protection expertise and leadership throughout health and multiagency partnerships. The role is pivotal to complex case management, improved partnership working, strategic planning, quality assurance and performance monitoring.”

In June 2019 Christina has worked independently. She has extensive experience in all aspects of safeguarding children and adults at risk including having been a member of Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships (previously LSCBs) and Chairing the Safeguarding Practice Review Sub-group.

Christina was awarded the title ‘Queen’s Nurse’ (2019) for “Continued commitment to improving standards of care in the community and to learning and leadership.”

Christina is a wife, mother of 3 adult children, 1 grandchild and is experiencing the joys of owning a static caravan on the East Coast.