

Sent to all : Pharmacists, Opticians and dentists in BaNES and Wiltshire

Dear colleague

The NHS England South Central safeguarding team would like to draw your attention to the recently published NHS England guidance on whistleblowing in primary care. Please see below for links to access guidance.

NHS England publishes guidance on whistleblowing in primary care

In response to Sir Robert Francis' [Freedom to Speak Up report](#) and his recommendation to review primary care separately, NHS England has published [specific guidance for colleagues in general practice, optometry, community pharmacies and dental practices](#).

This follows a consultation with staff working in primary care. As of 1 April 2016, primary care staff can raise concerns directly with NHS England. The guidance sets out who can raise a concern, the process for raising a concern, how the concern will be investigated and what will be done with the findings of the investigation.

Please do contact me if you wish to discuss.

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