What are designated and named professionals?
Designated and named professionals are qualified professionals with additional experience and post graduate qualifications in child welfare and safeguarding. They hold specific roles across the ‘health economy’ (there is a one minute guide on the health economy) to ensure that children and young people are safeguarded in Leeds.

Designated professionals, as clinical experts and strategic leaders, take a lead on all aspects of the health service contribution to safeguarding children across an area, providing support to all providers, including providing leadership, advice, support and supervision to named safeguarding health professionals, social work, Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB) and NHS England. They also provide advice to subcontracting agencies, independent providers and privately funded establishments within the health economy.

Named professionals - each health provider must have a named nurse and named doctor and a named midwife (if the agency provides midwifery services) for safeguarding children with the skills, knowledge and competencies to support all activities necessary to ensure that the organisation meets its responsibilities to safeguard and protect children and young people. Named professionals have a key role in promoting good professional practice within their organisation, providing advice and expertise for fellow professionals, and ensuring safeguarding training is in place. They should work closely with their organisation's safeguarding lead, designated professionals and the Leeds Safeguarding Children Board.

What does statutory guidance say about safeguarding in health?
How the Health Economy safeguards children is set out in statutory guidance:

Safeguarding Vulnerable People in the Reformed NHS Accountability and Assurance Framework (NHS CB 2013) states all health providers are required to have effective arrangements in place to safeguard vulnerable children;

Working Together to Safeguard Children (2013) sets down the responsibilities of NHS Trusts, in partnership with key agencies to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Statutory Guidance on Promoting the Health and Well-being of Looked after Children (2009) describes the joint working responsibilities between health service providers, health commissioners and local authorities to promote positive outcomes for Children who are Looked After.

All of these guidance documents point to the importance of early help, (there is a one minute guide on early help) establishing and maintaining relationships and working across agency boundaries to formulate a team around the child in order to improve outcomes for children in need of services or safeguarding.
Where are the designated and named professionals in Leeds?

Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) have a statutory duty to have access to the expertise of a Designated Nurse and Designated Doctor. A Senior Designated Nurse, Designated Nurse and a Named GP for safeguarding children are appointed by the CCGs.

The Designated Doctor post is shared by two Consultant Paediatricians; one Designated Doctor is hosted in Leeds Community Healthcare Trust and one in Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust. The safeguarding children team is hosted in the Leeds South and East, but also provide a service for Leeds West and Leeds North.

NHS Leeds CCGs Children and Adults Safeguarding Team tel: 0113 8431713

Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust – Safeguarding Children - The Children Looked After and Safeguarding Team consists of a Named Doctor and Named Nurses, Specialist Nurse Advisors for Safeguarding Children, a Designated Doctor for Sudden Unexpected Deaths in Childhood, a Designated Doctor for Children Looked After, a Designated Nurse for Children looked After.

Safeguarding Children and Adults and Looked After Children tel: 0113 8430210
Named Doctor tel 0113 2064327; Designated Doctor tel: 0113 2064327

Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust - Safeguarding Children Team comprises a Named Doctor; a Named Nurse; a Named Midwife and Specialist Nurse Advisors.

Named Nurse and Nurse Advisor tel: 0113 3923937
Named Doctor tel: 0113 3926421

Leeds York Primary Foundation Trust Safeguarding Children Team comprises a Named Doctor; Named Nurse; and Deputy Named Nurses.

Named Nurse tel: 0113 3055952; Named Doctor tel: 0113 2952317

Primary Care - Each GP practice has access to peer support from the GP Safeguarding Forum which is made up of safeguarding leads from GP practices across the city. GP practices should have a lead and deputy lead for safeguarding, who should work closely with named GPs.