



Derby City Council

COUNCIL CABINET
15 July 2015

Report of the Cabinet Member for Integrated
Health and Care

ITEM 8

Safeguarding Adults: New Policy and Procedures

SUMMARY

- 1.1 On the 1st April 2015, the Care Act 2014 was implemented which for the first time put Safeguarding Adults onto a statutory footing.
- 1.2 The Council is identified as the Lead Agency for Safeguarding Adults and as such will be responsible for setting up local Safeguarding Adults Boards which in turn will be responsible for developing and implementing shared inter-agency policies and procedures
- 1.3 The Council should approve the inter-agency policies and procedures within their own organisation and ensure that all staff and members are aware of their responsibilities to comply with them, in order that Safeguarding Adults is a priority area of work for all.
- 1.4 The overall aim is to ensure that roles and responsibilities are exercised appropriately within respective services. This shall ensure the authority will maintain an organisational culture and ethos that prioritises the importance of safeguarding, promoting the safety of Adults with care and support needs.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To approve the new multi-agency Derby Safeguarding Board Policy and Procedures as Derby City Council Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures
- 2.2 To approve that all elected members and senior officers receive a copy of the new Policy and Procedures.
- 2.3 To approve that all elected members should continue to undertake mandatory awareness training on safeguarding adults , provided by senior officers from the Adults Health and Housing Directorate and Derby Safeguarding Adults Board

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure that the Council meets its statutory requirements as the lead agency for Safeguarding Adults, it needs to adopt the Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures and to then ensure that all staff and members are aware of their roles and responsibilities.



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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The aims of adult safeguarding following the implementation of the Care Act are to:
- stop abuse or neglect wherever possible
 - prevent harm and reduce the risk of abuse or neglect to adults with care and
 - support needs;
 - safeguard adults in a way that supports them in making choices and having control about how they want to live;
 - promote an approach that concentrates on improving life for the adults concerned;
 - raise public awareness so that communities as a whole, alongside professionals, play their part in preventing, identifying and responding to abuse and neglect;
 - provide information and support in accessible ways to help people understand the
 - different types of abuse, how to stay safe and what to do to raise a concern about the
 - safety or well-being of an adult; and
 - address what has caused the abuse or neglect
- 4.2 The Council as the lead agency must co-operate with key partners who are identified as
- NHS England
 - Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group
 - Derbyshire Police
 - National Probation Service
 - Local NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts
- 4.3 The Council has the responsibility for making enquiries or tasking others to do so where concerns are expressed about an Adult with care and support needs who has or is likely to suffer abuse or neglect and who is unable to keep themselves safe.

- 4.4 The objectives of an enquiry into abuse or neglect are to:
- establish facts;
 - ascertain the adult's views and wishes;
 - assess the needs of the adult for protection, support and redress and how they might be met
 - protect from the abuse and neglect, in accordance with the wishes of the adult;
 - make decisions as to what follow-up action should be taken with regard to the person or organisation responsible for the abuse or neglect; and
 - enable the adult to achieve resolution and recovery.

In so doing we are now focusing on the safety of the Adult and enabling them to achieve their identified outcomes, rather than in the past where the emphasis was on services taking actions to protect on behalf of the Adult

- 4.5 Council members need to have a good understanding of the range of abuse and neglect issues that can affect adults and of the importance of balancing safeguarding with empowerment. Council members need to understand prevention, proportionate interventions, and the dangers of risk adverse practice and the importance of upholding human rights.
- 4.6 The Safeguarding Adults and Professional Standards Team and the Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Adults Board run annual briefing events for all Council members to increase awareness and to provide information on Council members roles and responsibilities. These events normally take place in September or October.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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| Financial officer | Toni Nash |
| Human Resources officer | Liz Moore |
| Estates/Property officer | |
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| Background papers: | None |
| List of appendices: | Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Derby Safeguarding Adults Board Policy and Procedures |

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| IMPLICATIONS |
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Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report; however it might lead to an increase in referrals and associated costs.

Legal

- 2.1 The policy and procedures will ensure compliance with the Care Act 2014

Personnel

- 3.1 None

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- 4.1 None

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 Yes

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 None

Risk Management

- 9.1 None

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 To fulfil statutory duties relating to safeguarding adults in need of care and support following the implementation of the Care Act on the 1st April 2015