



meeting **SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE ADULTS SELECT COMMITTEE**

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Report of the Chair of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Select Committee

Further Information and Work Programme

Purpose of the report

1. To provide an introduction to representatives of Nottinghamshire Primary Care Trust (tPCT) and Nottinghamshire Police who will be briefing the Select Committee on their role as partners in the safeguarding of vulnerable adults.
2. To consider and agree the future work programme.

Background

3. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on February 18 2008 commissioned a Select Committee to contribute to policy development within the safeguarding vulnerable adults agenda. It would consider the impact of the wider safeguarding remit and if policies and procedures/services reflect the requirements of forthcoming legislation.
4. At its first meeting the Select Committee received an initial presentation by departmental officers which provided information concerning the arrangements in Nottinghamshire for safeguarding vulnerable adults. This included details about the move from Adult Protection to Safeguarding Adults and the establishment of separate safeguarding arrangements for the City and the County. The implications of the Mental Capacity Act (MCA) 2005 and the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 were also discussed.

Further Information

5. Amanda Sullivan, Director of Nursing and Integrated Governance, who is the safeguarding adults lead director and reports to the PCT board on safeguarding including the MCA; Michelle Bateman, Assistant Director of Nursing and Governance, who is safeguard lead for PCT provided services and oversees the safeguarding practices and the implementation of the MCA in provided services, and Val Asher, Consultant Nurse, who has led the MCA training programme across the

PCT, will be attending the meeting to inform Members about the role of the PCT, and what they consider to be the key issues involved, in the safeguarding agenda.

6. Chief Inspector Bob Ross, Nottinghamshire Police will present information about the responsibilities of the police in the safeguarding of vulnerable adults. Inspector Ross works within the Public Protection Unit of Nottinghamshire Police from Holmes House in Mansfield, which has responsibility for the following areas of work: - Child Abuse Investigation Unit, Sexual Exploitation Investigation Unit, Dangerous Persons Management Unit and Policy/Development/Training lead for Missing Persons, Domestic Violence and Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults. He represents the Police on the City and County Multi agency Public Protection Panels (MAPPA level 3) and also on the Multi agency Serious Case review panels which look at lessons to be learned following the unexpected death of a child as a result of abuse or neglect.

Work Programme

7. The last evidence gathering meeting of the Select Committee is set for 7 July. Representatives from Adult Social Care and Health will focus on the work of the Safeguarding Adults Board, the implications of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act and the corporate responsibility of elected Members. Members may wish to consider the results of the Nottingham City Commission for Social Care Inspection and invite representatives from Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire Care Association.

Recommendations

8. It is recommended that the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Select Committee –
 - consider and ask questions regarding the information provided in the presentations to the Select Committee
 - agree any issues around the future work programme.

Councillor Chris Winterton

Chair of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Select Committee

Background papers: nil.