

**NHS VALE OF YORK CLINICAL
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GOVERNING BODY MEETING

Vale of York
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1. Title of Paper: Adult Safeguarding Policy

2. Strategic Objectives supported by this paper

Achieving high quality care for patients. Safeguarding is particularly relevant to domains 4 and 5 of the NHS Outcomes Framework 2012/13 and 2013/14 – patient experience and protecting people from avoidable harm.

3. Executive Summary

This policy sets out the CCGs responsibilities for adult safeguarding as both an employer and as a responsible commissioner of services.

Safeguarding of vulnerable adults policies are operated in a multi agency and multi professional complex environment and as such this policy should be read in conjunction with North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC), City of York (CYC), Leeds City Council (LCC) and East Riding of Yorkshire Councils (ERoYC) Safeguarding Adults Policies and Procedures as appropriate, these are included as embedded documents and not included as hard copies but are publicly available.

The policy sets out a basic awareness of what constitutes abuse and the procedures for reporting this. All managers and staff are required to have a full understanding of their role and responsibilities in the reporting process. The policy reinforces that the CCG encourages staff to speak out when they see poor care taking place and to listen and involve people and their families.

The second part of the document relates to the CCG as a commissioner and sets out the policy, procedures and standards that all of the provider services are expected to adhere to, and against which they will be monitored.

Also included to note are the requirements around the Home Office counter terrorism 'Prevent' agenda. The Health Sector contribution to Prevent focuses primarily on Objectives 2 and 3 and known as HealthWrap. The health sector has a non-enforcement approach to Prevent and focuses on support for vulnerable individuals and healthcare organisations. The Department of Health and the health sector are key partners in working to prevent vulnerable individuals from being drawn into terrorist-related activities and provider services have certain duties under PREVENT against which CCGs will be required to hold them to account.

The Safeguarding Adults Policy presented here will be included in 2013/14 provider contracts and will be subject to development in line with regional and national standards.

4. Evidence Base

The policy is fully referenced and a bibliography is included.

5. Risks relating to proposals in this paper

N/A

6. Summary of any finance / resource implications

As the requirements and responsibilities of adult safeguarding increase and move to a statutory footing subject to any legislation, there may be an increased need for financial resources to augment the designated teams.

7. Any statutory / regulatory / legal / NHS Constitution implications

Safeguarding of both children and adults is a fundamental requirement for registration and compliance with the Care Quality Commission Outcome 7 of Essential Standards for Quality & Safety.

The policy is underpinned by Personalisation, Human Rights Act, Mental Capacity Act, Equality and Diversity etc., and the standards included in the policy are based on regionally agreed commissioning standards developed in partnership with the Strategic Health Authority.

8. Equality Impact Assessment

Included as part of the policy.

9. Any related work with stakeholders or communications plan

The policy for approval has been developed through the multi agency partnerships and associated forums. Further work will be undertaken with CCG to continue to develop increased understanding of this complex area of care.

10. Recommendations / Action Required

The Governing Body is asked to approve the Adult Safeguarding Policy.

11. Assurance

Matters relating to safeguarding adults will be discussed and considered at the Quality and Performance Committee and matters will be escalated to the Governing Body as necessary.

Elements of the Assurance Standards will continue to develop in a multi agency forum and be negotiated with current providers of services.

The policy will be included in our provider contracts and monitored and reviewed via contract management meetings with providers of services and updated in light of any new legislation or guidance, responses to exceptional circumstances and/or organisational change.

Multi agency progress is coordinated and reported via the Local Safeguarding Adults Board structures of which the CCG Board leads will be a part either directly or through professional lead arrangements.