

# **CARERS AND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS SELF ASSESSMENT TOOL**

## **1 Introduction**

1.1 The Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (adass) have produced a review paper in July 2011 called “Carers and Safeguarding Adults – Working together to improve outcomes.”

1.2 It has been sent to all Directors of Adult Social Services who are being encouraged to:

- Share this paper with their Lead Member for adult safeguarding and the Chair of their Safeguarding Adults Board or Partnership;
- Draw the review to the attention of their carers and safeguarding leads and others as they consider appropriate locally; and
- Invite them to consider together how far the issues and messages from this review apply and what local action would help to take them forward.

1.3 This paper explores issues around improving practice and securing desired outcomes for:

- Carers speaking up about abuse or neglect within the community or within different care settings;
- Carers who may experience intentional or unintentional harm from the person they are trying to support or from professionals and organisations they are in contact with;
- Carers who may unintentionally or intentionally harm or neglect the person they support.

1.4 **There are seven key messages that need to be considered. These are:**

- 1.4.1 **Leadership**; Safeguarding is everybody's business with Directors and local Boards listening, learning and leading on improved safeguarding outcomes.
- 1.4.2 **Partnership**; Safeguarding Adults Boards engage with carers and local stakeholders and work together for better safeguarding practice and outcomes.
- 1.4.3 **Empowerment**; Carers have access to information, advice and advocacy that empowers them to share concerns and change harmful circumstances.
- 1.4.4 **Prevention**; Community engagement, public and professional awareness is encouraged and information is available to carers that reduces risk of abuse.
- 1.4.5 **Recognition & Reporting**; Partnerships and practitioners understand the barriers to recognition and reporting and work in partnership to overcome them.
- 1.4.6 **Protection & Proportionality**; Responses have the person concerned at their centre and enable those at risk to inform outcomes linked to proportionate and protective services and supports. Risks are managed and harmful and abusive situations stopped.
- 1.4.7 **Learning & Accountability**; Impacts are understood, practice monitored and safeguarding experiences and outcomes monitored to learn lessons. Staff have the competencies and the operational culture to support this.

## **2 Proposed Action**

- 2.1 In order to work together to improve outcomes for carers and Safeguarding Adults, it is proposed that there should be an evaluation of the areas mentioned in section 1 above to highlight where extra support may be needed.
- 2.2 This evaluation should be in the form of an organisational self assessment being completed by the organisations themselves to see the extent to which support is needed. This should be done by completing the simple tool attached as Appendix 1.

2.3 Thereafter the responses received will be collated and shared with all the appropriate parties in order to collectively determine the best way forward.

**Carers and Safeguarding Adults Outcomes Self-Assessment Tool**

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- 1.2 The organisations are invited to consider how far the issues and messages from this review apply and what local action would help to take them forward.
- 1.3 The purpose of this short self assessment is to help identify the areas where support may be needed. This is an informal exercise and the responses received will only be shared amongst the organisations in order to identify areas of support.
- 1.4 **The person with the lead responsibility within the organisation for carers should complete this self assessment by 30 November 2011.**

The completed questionnaire should be emailed to:

**Sabar Ullah (Safeguarding Quality Assurance Officer)**

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**Or should it be ??????**

**Nadiya Ashraf (Lead Commissioner Carers and User Engagement)**

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Self assessment was completed by:

Name:	
Contact details: Tel Number Email:	
Organisation:	
Position:	
Date:	

## SELF ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS FOR MCA / DoLS

	<b>QUESTIONS</b>	<b>COMMENTS / VIEWS</b>
1	Is this area personally lead by very senior management in the organisation?	
1.1	How does the organisation ensure that safeguarding is everybody's business?	
2	Is the organisation engaged with the Safeguarding Adults Board and other stakeholders?	
2.1	How does this partnership ensure that there is better safeguarding practice and processes?	
3	Do the carers have access to information, advice and advocacy?	
3.1	Does this lead the carers to share concerns?	
4	How does the organisation ensure community engagement and awareness is raised?	
4.1	How does this lead to a reduction of risks?	
5	What difficulties does the organisation face in recognising and reporting of safeguarding concerns?	
5.1	What does the organisation do to overcome these barriers?	
6	What arrangements are there for ensuring that the persons affected are able to influence the outcomes?	

	<b>QUESTIONS</b>	<b>COMMENTS / VIEWS</b>
6.1	How do you ensure that harmful and abusive situations are stopped?	
7	What arrangements are there for ensuring that the organisation monitors and learns from the the above areas?	
7.1	How do you ensure that staff have the competencies to be able to support this?	
8	Please add any other comments, suggestions or questions about any other aspects.	