

ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
1 SEPTEMBER 2009

SAFEGUARDING ADULTS
(Director of Social Care and Learning)

1. PURPOSE OF DECISION

- 1.1 To note the work undertaken to ensure the Council meets its responsibilities in relation to Safeguarding Adults, and agree the outline development plan for the year 2009/10.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the attached report is noted.**

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 *No Secrets*, which is Government statutory guidance on the safeguarding of vulnerable adults, issued under Section 7 of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970, requires Councils with Adult Social Services Responsibilities (CASSRs) to take the lead in working in partnership with all relevant organisations in ensuring that vulnerable adults are safeguarded from abuse. This report details in sections 1-13 how the Council has undertaken these responsibilities in the year 2008/09.
- 3.2 Section 14 in the attached report outlines the objectives planned to build on the work to date.
- 3.3 The actions and plans contribute to the Council's Priority 4: Create a Borough where people are, and feel, safe.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None

5. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 None

6. ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 The relevant legal provisions are contained within the main body of the report.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 The Borough Treasurer is satisfied that no significant financial implications arise from this report.

Impact Assessment

- 6.3 The provisions of this report are applicable to all Vulnerable Adults within the Borough and those people supported by the Council who live outside the Borough. There are statutory duties contained within certain areas of this report.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 The council approach to Safeguarding Adults is used by the Care Quality commission to form a judgement as to effectiveness of the department. Parts of this report are in relation to statutory obligations for instance the Mental Capacity Act and the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards. Failure to comply with these pieces of legislation places the council at risk of legal challenge.

Other Officers

- 6.5 Not applicable.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

- 7.1 Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board
Bracknell Forest Safeguarding Adults Forum
Social Care and Learning Departmental Management Team
Adult Social Care Management Team

Method of Consultation

- 7.2 Meetings

Representations Received

- 7.3 All recommendations have been incorporated within this version of the report

Background Papers

No Secrets – Department of Health
Safeguarding Adults a National Framework for good practice of standards in Adult Protection Work
Mental Capacity Act: Codes of Practice
Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards: Codes of Practice

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