



PART A:	MATTERS DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS
REPORT TO:	POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
DATE:	24 SEPTEMBER 2015
REPORT OF THE:	HEAD OF PLANNING AND HOUSING GARY HOUSDEN
TITLE OF REPORT:	SAFEGUARDING ADULTS MULTI AGENCY POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR WEST YORKSHIRE AND NORTH YORKSHIRE
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board has joined forces with the five West Yorkshire Safeguarding Boards to publish a joint Adult Safeguarding policy and procedure, which reflects the requirements of the Care Act 2014. This was formally adopted by the North Yorkshire board on 22 April 2015. The new Board Delivery Group is tasked with making sure that the policy and procedures are embedded into practice and training across North Yorkshire and the purpose of the report is for members to formally adopt the policy and procedures.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 It is recommended that:

- (i) Members formally adopt the NYCC Multi agency policy and procedures

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

3.1 North Yorkshire County council have developed new policies and procedures following the introduction of the Care Act, They have requested that all District Councils within North Yorkshire ensure the revised multi agency policy and procedures are adopted and integrated into Local Authority Safeguarding policy to ensure the requirements of the Care Act 2014 are being met.

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

4.1 None

5.0 POLICY CONTEXT AND CONSULTATION

5.1 The policy and procedures will be incorporated into the Council's Safeguarding Policy.

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6.0 REPORT DETAILS

6.1 The council has been requested by NYCC to ensure the Council's Safeguarding Policy incorporates the new procedures contained within their new adopted Policy and Procedures in relation to Safeguarding adults. The core stages of this process are:

- Formal adoption/ratification of the NYCC Multi-agency Policy and Procedure by the Council.
- Written procedures/operational guidance that interprets the procedures and informs staff what their responsibilities are.
- An implementation plan to be developed which sets out how all staff will be made aware of the procedures and detailing training required and how the Council will ensure compliance.

6.2 The Council's Safeguarding Policy has recently been reviewed but will be reassessed to ensure it fully reflects the new policy and procedures a training plan has already been developed and the majority of officers at the Council have recently been trained in the Safeguarding of Adults including implications of the Care Act.

6.3 The Council is therefore confident that the majority of the responsibilities of all organisations within the Care Act 2014 have been incorporated within our Safeguarding policy, following reassessment the new policy will be brought to members in November.

6.4 **Responsibilities of all organisations**

(extract from Safeguarding adults Multi-agency Policy and Procedure for West Yorkshire and North Yorkshire – April 2015)

"An organisation that provides care and support to adults at risk has responsibilities to safeguard adults at risk within this procedure".

6.5 This involves:

- actively developing service provision so as to minimise the risk of abuse occurring.
- working with partner agencies to support adults at risk who have experienced abuse.
- working with partner agencies to end any abuse that is occurring.

6.6 All organisations that work with adults at risk must ensure that they respond to issues of abuse and neglect in accordance with this Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedure. This includes the responsibility to ensure that:

- organisations have their own internal policy and procedures, consistent with this Multi-Agency Policy and Procedure.
- all staff and volunteers raise safeguarding concerns in-line with this Multi-Agency Policy and Procedure.
- appropriate senior representatives of the organisation attend and actively contribute to safeguarding Strategy Meetings (or Discussions).
- staff (and volunteers) actively contribute and participate within safeguarding Formal Enquiries carried out under this Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedure.
- Service providers need to provide details of enquiries undertaken and their findings to inform Case Conferences.
- appropriately senior representatives of the organisation attend and actively contribute to Case Conferences.

- the organisation and its staff (and volunteers) work in partnership with other agencies to ensure the safeguarding planning needs of the adult at risk are met
- information is shared between agencies in accordance with information sharing policies and protocols.
- the organisation keeps its own records in relation to safeguarding concerns and how these are responded to.
- the organisation participates within Safeguarding Adults Reviews where requested by the safeguarding adults board.
- the organisation supports and empowers adults at risk to make decisions about their own lives within this Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedure.
- the staff teams adhere to the Mental Capacity Act and Code of Practice where an adult at risk lacks mental capacity in relation to decisions within this procedure.
- the organisation supports adults at risk to end abuse and to access support that enables them to cope with the impact of what has happened.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The following implications have been identified:

a) Financial

There are no financial implications from adopting this policy.

b) Legal

There are legal implications included within the Care Act; any that effect the Council will be incorporated into the Council's Safeguarding Policy.

c) Equality and Diversity

There are no equality and diversity issues associated with the adoption of these procedures.

8.0 NEXT STEPS

Ryedale's Safeguarding Policy will be brought to members at the next Policy and resources committee in November.

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Background Papers:
 Safeguarding Adults Multi- agency Policy and Procedure for West Yorkshire and North Yorkshire- April 2015.
Background Papers are available for inspection at:
 Ryedale House