

Request for Scrutiny Work Programme Item

1	Title of Work Programme Item	Adult Protection / Safeguarding Adults
2	Responsible Director (s)	Director for Community Services, Carole Burgoyne
3	Responsible Officer Tel No.	Pam Marsden Assistant Director for Community Services (Adult Social Care) 307344
4	Aim	To ensure Plymouth City Council and its partners are both active and proactive in protecting vulnerable adults in order that all vulnerable adults are treated with dignity and respect and receive care appropriate to their needs within their eligibility criteria.
5	Objectives	<p>To consider guidance and procedures to be assured that care services are protecting vulnerable adults.</p> <p>To examine multi-agency alerting procedures for reporting alleged case</p> <p>To determine the triggers for raising an alert</p> <p>To ascertain the follow up procedures once an alert has been raised.</p> <p>To ascertain how vulnerable adults are treated (dignity) once an alert has been raised.</p> <p>To implement widespread publicity campaign to continue raising awareness of the safeguarding adults issue – promoting recognition, reporting and prevention.</p>
	Benefits	The review will raise awareness across the community of the process and triggers for reporting alleged cases of abuse and give assurances to the public that processes are being followed.
	Beneficiaries	Vulnerable adults and the elderly in the city of Plymouth General Public Plymouth City Council and its Partners
6	Criteria for Choosing Topics	<p>B = Area of potential risk i.e. corporate responsibility</p> <p>C = Issue of service users, public concern and interest, service delivery i.e. Interest of the public</p> <p>D = level of impact, i.e. impact for specific communities (vulnerable)</p>

7	Scope	<p><u>Definition.</u> A person who is or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness; AND who is or may be unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or her-self against significant harm or exploitation. <i>Department of Health and Home Office No Secrets Guidance (2000)</i></p> <p>To review guidance and procedures in existence in the city and elsewhere to help develop and reassure the public that the authority and its partners are following procedures and protecting vulnerable adults</p>		
	Exclusions	None identified		
8	Programme Dates			
	Timescales and Interdependices	Milestones	Target Date for Achievement	Responsible Officer
		TBA		
9	Links to other projects or initiatives / plans	Domestic Violence Preventative Strategy Safeguarding Children		
10	Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Health and Well-being (possible joint review with co-option of members from Safer Stronger Communities)		
11	Lead Officer for Panel	Karen Howard (PCT) / Kerry Todd, Adult Protection Co-ordinator, Adult Social Care (PCC)		
12	Reporting arrangements	Health OSP - Overview and Scrutiny Commission - Cabinet -		
13	Resources	Staff time Travel (Members)		
14	Budget implications			
15	Risk analysis	Not proceeding with this review would mean that the issues relating to adult protection would not be so quickly raised with the public.		
16	Project Plan / Actions	Project plan to be prepared by panel		