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JOINT INSPECTION OF **ADULT SUPPORT** AND **PROTECTION**

POSITION STATEMENT TEMPLATE

Introduction

Under section 115 of part 8 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010, the Care Inspectorate, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Healthcare Improvement Scotland will undertake a joint inspection of adult support and protection arrangements in your local partnership area.

The inspection is being undertaken at the behest of Scottish Ministers and is part of a programme of scrutiny and assurance activity which will take place over 2021 and 2023 in all the partnership areas in Scotland, except the six partnership areas that were included in the first independent scrutiny of adult support and protection practice in 2017.

The focus of the joint inspection will be to provide:

- Independent scrutiny and assurance of how partnerships ensure that adults at risk of harm are kept safe, protected, and supported.
 - Assurance to Scottish Ministers about how effectively partnerships have implemented the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007.
 - An opportunity to support improvement more broadly across Scotland
- The joint inspections will scrutinise two key areas of adult support and protection activity:
- 1) **Key processes of adult support and protection.**
 - 2) **Leadership of adult support and protection.**

A set of quality indicators and illustrations has been completed for the inspection which we encourage you to refer to in completing your position statement. This quality indicator framework will be used to provide a supporting narrative that underpins our methodology for the joint inspection.

<https://www.careinspectorate.com/images/documents/5548/Adult%20support%20and%20protection%20quality%20indicator%20framework.pdf>

The position statement should include clear statements of progress, as well as an overview of the local partnerships areas strengths and areas for improvement across the quality indicator framework. The partnership should also include any areas of good practice in the field of adult support and protection. We suggest partnership's position statements are a maximum of 20 pages in length.

The joint inspection of adult support and protection methodology has been augmented to gather information in relation to the partnership's response for adult support and protection within the context of the Covid-19 pandemic (23 March 2020 onwards). Any changes in adult support and protection processes, practice or leadership because of the pandemic should be highlighted in the position statement along with supporting evidence.

Local partnership areas should upload their completed position statement to SharePoint by **xxxxxxxx**

Partnership's position statement should cover the topics listed below.

Screening and triaging of adult protection referrals and application of the 3-point test (commonly referred to as three-point criteria in NHS services).

Duty to inquire, initial enquiries.

Adult support and protection investigations.

Risk assessment, risk management for adult support and protection activity, including preparation and implementation of adult protection plans. Include preparation of chronologies for adults at risk of harm.

The convening of initial adult support and protection case conferences.

The convening of review adult support and protection case conferences.

Work to involve adults at risk of harm and their unpaid carers, where appropriate, in adult support and protection activity.

Large-scale investigations.

The implementation of protection orders.

Independent advocacy for adults at risk of harm.

Partnership's data on adult support and protection outcomes engendered by key adult protection processes – methodology and summary of the data if available.

Strengths and areas for improvement specifically for safety protection and support outcomes for adults at risk of harm.

Strengths and areas for improvement for all key processes.

Changes in processes or practice in the context of the covid-19 pandemic.

Strategic leadership for adult support and protection from the Chief Officers Group, the Integration Joint Board, and Community Planning Partnership. Include vision statement and how partnership communicates this widely.

Strategic leadership for adult support and protection from the Adult Protection Committee.

Initial case reviews and significant case reviews.

Leadership for operational collaborative working among social work, police and health for adult support and protection

Leadership in respect of staff training and awareness raising for adult support and protection

Quality assurance and review of all adult support and protection activity

Strengths and areas for improvement

Changes in leadership and/or governance in relation to adult support and protection in the context of the pandemic