



JOINT INSPECTION OF **ADULT SUPPORT AND PROTECTION**

ASP Overview for staff

Joint Inspection of your Adult Support and Protection Partnership

Background

In line with the Scottish Government led improvement plan, further scrutiny and assurance of adult support and protection is being undertaken across Scotland. This builds on the first joint inspection of adult support and protection, involving six adult protection partnerships, undertaken in 2017/18 and published July 2018. The initial inspection identified some good progress by partnerships and but also variations in how partnerships give effect to the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007. The Scottish Government has requested further scrutiny across the remaining 26 partnership areas.

Scrutiny partners

The inspection programme will be led by Care Inspectorate in collaboration with Her Majesties' Inspectorate of Constabulary Scotland (HMICS) and Healthcare improvement Scotland (HIS). Each scrutiny agency has identified dedicated staff with appropriate levels of experience and expertise in adult support and protection. This scrutiny and assurance will be undertaken in the context of health and social care integration.

Purpose of activity

The purpose of this joint inspection is to seek assurance that adults at risk of harm in Scotland are supported and protected by existing national and local adult support and protection arrangements. The inspection programme is one element of an overall Scottish Government improvement plan.

Activity

Our inspection will now include five activities:

- A staff survey relevant to health, Police Scotland, provider organisations, social work and social care staff.
- The review of a short position statement and supporting documentation (15–20 documents)
- The reading of records (health, police and social work records) of a sample of adults considered at risk of harm who did not require any further adult support and protection intervention beyond the initial referral stage.
- The reading of the records (health, police and social work records) of a sample of adults at risk of harm who have been subject of adult support and protection procedures.
- The engagement of front line and senior managers in focus groups, to discuss the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on adult support and protection practice.