



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

Information for staff taking part in Focus Groups April 2022

The Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 places a duty on local authorities to work with other public bodies to protect adults at risk of harm. It provides a strong framework that ensures when an adult affected by disability, mental disorder, illness or physical or mental infirmity is at risk of harm, they are made safe, protected, supported, included, and consulted.

The Care Inspectorate and our partners, His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS), and Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS), are carrying out a joint inspection across twenty-six partnership areas in Scotland, including the one in which you work.

We want to find out about how well your partnership is delivering adult support and protection key processes and leadership. This includes how social work, Police Scotland, healthcare services, and other agencies work together to protect adults at risk of harm.

To achieve this, we will:

- Consider the position statement and evidence provided by the partnership.
- Survey staff involved in adult support and protection.
- Read case files that show how services are carrying out adult support and protection work.
- Speak with staff working in/with adult support and protection services about key processes and leadership in adult support and protection work. This includes reflecting on the impact of the pandemic, recovery, and remobilisation of services on adult support and protection.

We want to speak to you about the services you provide and the difference the service makes to the lives of adults at risk of harm. This is important because **what you think really matters**.

Someone may contact you to arrange a meeting with us. If selected, you will be invited to attend a multiagency focus group with 8 – 10 participants. The session will be led and scribed by two members of the joint inspection team and should last no more than 1½ hours. The write up of the session will not include any information about you or anything that could identify you. Following the conclusion of this work, we will prepare a report for publication based on of our evaluations for each partnership, findings, and any recommendations for improvement.

There are two focus groups:

- Senior Management and Leadership Focus Group – this should include the chair of the adult support and protection committee and the Chief Social Work Officer. There is the option for frontline managers and service managers to be represented at this focus group.
- Frontline Practitioners Focus Group – this should include frontline workers from all the services involved in adult support and protection. Frontline managers should not attend this focus group.

All focus groups are held on the last day of the file reading week – usually a Friday.