



REPORT TO: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD –
29 AUGUST 2017

REPORT ON: JOINT THEMATIC INSPECTION OF ADULT SUPPORT & PROTECTION

REPORT BY: CHIEF OFFICER

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To appraise the Integration Joint Board of the planned joint thematic inspection of adult support and protection arrangements in the Dundee Community Planning Partnership area commencing on Monday 27 November 2017.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board (IJB):

- 2.1 Notes that notification has been received from the Care Inspectorate advising that an Adult Support and Protection thematic inspection will commence during November 2017.
- 2.2 Notes the key purpose and requirements of the thematic inspection, including the Quality Indicators to be assessed.
- 2.3 Instructs the Chief Officer to bring a further report to update on the outcome of the thematic inspection.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The expenditure noted in this report is funded from Dundee Health and Social Care Partnership's recurring budgeted resources.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 Adult Support and Protection Overview

4.1.1 The Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 seeks to protect and benefit adults at risk of being harmed. The Act requires Local Authorities and a range of public bodies to work together to support and protect adults who are unable to safeguard themselves, their property and their rights. Measures of the Act include:

- Requiring Local Authorities to make the necessary enquiries and investigations to see if action is needed to stop or prevent harm happening;
- Requiring specific organisations to co-operate with Local Authorities and each other about adult protection investigations;
- A range of protection orders including assessment orders, removal orders and banning orders; and
- A legislative framework for the establishment of local multi-agency Adult Protection Committees across Scotland.

- 4.1.2 The Act defines adults at risk as people aged 16 years or over who:
- Are unable to safeguard their well-being, rights, interests, or their property;
 - Are harmed by other people; (e.g. physical harm, psychological harm, neglect, financial harm or sexual harm)
 - Because of a disability, illness or mental disorder are more at risk of being harmed than others who are not so affected.

4.2 Adult Support and Protection Thematic Inspection Overview

- 4.2.1 The thematic inspection will be the first ever independent scrutiny of Adult Support and Protection in Scotland. The notification letter is appended to this report for information. The inspection will take place in six Community Planning Partnership areas in order 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 identify good practice and support improvement more broadly across Scotland.
 - Information and insight about the “lived experience” of adults at risk of harm.
- 4.2.2 The inspection will conduct this scrutiny using three quality indicators:
- Outcomes for adults at risk of harm and their unpaid carers.
 - Key adult support and protection processes.
 - Leadership for adult support and protection.
- 4.2.3 There are two distinct phases to the inspection process:
- The Community Planning Partnership will be required to complete a self-evaluated position statement to the Care Inspectorate by Friday 22 September 2017. This will include submission of a wide range of supporting evidence and requested information.
 - The on-site phase of this inspection will be conducted over five days commencing Monday 27 November 2017. This will include file reading in the first part of the week, followed by a range of scrutiny sessions (approximately 12). A full timeline and project plan is currently being developed.
- 4.2.4 A report of the findings will be published together with evaluations (using a six-point scale evaluation for each of the three quality indicators). Key strengths and, if appropriate, recommendations for improvement will be highlighted. The Community Planning Partnership will be required to prepare an action plan detailing how any recommendations for improvement are to be taken forward. It is expected that the report on the outcome of the inspection will be published during January 2018.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Equality Impact Assessment. There are no major issues.

6.0 RISK IMPLICATIONS

This report provides information to the IJB and is not suggesting a policy change which would lead to a risk for the Partnership.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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