

Project Brief

LONDON MULTI-AGENCY SAFEGUARDING ADULTS POLICY AND PROCEDURES – REVIEWING UPDATED VERSION FROM A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE

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1. Purpose

To review from a legal perspective the updated version of the Safeguarding Adults Pan London multi agency policy and procedures and ensure it is compliant with The Care Act 2014, associated guidance and Making Safeguarding Personal initiative.

2. Background

The London branch of the Association of Directors for Adult Social Services (ADASS), are the sponsors of the Review of Protecting adults at risk: London multi-agency policy and procedures to safeguard adults from abuse (SCIE Report 39 January 2011). The key drivers for the review are The Care Act, and the Local Government Association initiative Making Safeguarding Personal. The final document also needs to embrace the ADASS six Safeguarding Principles, and reference the Mental Capacity Acts and other pertinent work in safeguarding adults across local authorities and with its statutory partners in the NHS and the police.

The work is being project managed by a commissioned independent reviewer, following a governance framework, where the delegated authority for managing the review rests with the Dignity, Capacity and Safety Steering group supported by the London ADASS programme team. The final product will be owned by a range of statutory and non-statutory organisations, and will be the leading document for policy and procedures across London.

3. Project Definition

To review the updated policy and procedures and revise where appropriate, using the scope and objectives outlined below

3.1 Scope and Objectives

- To ensure a robust policy and procedures that accurately reflects the statutory requirements of The Care Act 2014, Mental Capacity Act 2005, Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (2007) and the principles of Making Safeguarding Personal.
- To ensure the policy and procedures are compliant with all other pertinent legislation
- To ensure the policy and procedures references the Care and Support Statutory Guidance, in particular Chapter 14 “Safeguarding” and other appropriate Department of Health Statutory Guidance
- To ensure the policy and procedures will not place the sponsors, delegated authority, or project support at risk of legal challenge or challenge to its reputation

3.2 Project Plan

- London ADASS will be the sponsor of the project and will sign off the final documents. The Dignity Capacity and Safety Group (which comprises representatives from ADASS, Assistant Directors network, London Safeguarding

Adults Network (LSAN) and London Board Chairs) will act on behalf of the London ADASS region ensuring oversight and quality assurance of the final product.

- The work itself will be conducted by an appointed individual following a tendering process. The successful applicant will report to the LondonADSS programme manager during the period of the contract.
- Funding will be made available from the London Care Act implementation fund.
- The Dignity Capacity and Safety Steering group will quality assure the work.
- The work is estimated to take up to 10 working days

3.3 Outline Deliverables/Desired Outcomes

- The final draft to be completed by end July 2015 and will be approved by the editorial group.
- The reviewer will work closely with the independent author around content.

3.4 Constraints

- For the deliverables of this project to be useful to London boroughs it needs to be completed in a relatively short time scale i.e. by end July 2015
- Due to the short time scale identification of a range of possible organisations/individuals to do the work is limited. Therefore, there will be a short time frame for a tendering process to identify the best possible candidate with the skills, knowledge and experience in Adults Safeguarding, to review the document
- The tendering process will start in June 2015 with the view of commencing the work in July 2015

3.5 Dependencies and Interfaces

The review will be informed by statutory guidance, the practice guidance and Making Safeguarding Personal.

3.6 Key Stakeholders

LSAN, LAS, NHSE, London SABs chairs group, MAPPA, MARAC, Housing Directors of LAs, Dignity, Capacity and Safety Group.