

REPORT TO: Cabinet Member Health & Social Care

DATE: 16th February 2011

SUBJECT: Safeguarding Adults in Sefton

**WARDS
AFFECTED:** All

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**EXEMPT/
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

To update the Cabinet Member regarding the activity and developments in Safeguarding Adults in Sefton.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

Safeguarding Adults is a key issue for all Councils and it is important to have Cabinet approval to the approach within Sefton.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- (i) That the Cabinet Member is asked to:
- Approve the contents of the report
 - Receive further reports on a quarterly basis on performance relating to Safeguarding Adults in Sefton

KEY DECISION: NO

FORWARD PLAN: NO

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: N/A

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

None

IMPLICATIONS:

Budget/Policy Framework: None

Financial: None

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2009 2010 £	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

Legal: None

Risk Assessment: None

Asset Management: n/a

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

- The Head of Corporate Legal Services has been consulted and has no comments on this report LD0034/11
- The Head of Corporate Finance and Information Services has been consulted and has no comments on the report - FD 625

CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Creating Safe Communities	√		
3	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
4	Improving Health and Well-Being	√		
5	Environmental Sustainability		√	
6	Creating Inclusive Communities	√		
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy	√		
8	Children and Young People		√	

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

1. The Care Quality Commission Service Inspection of Adult Social Care Report, March 2010
2. The Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Act 2006
3. Putting People First (Dh 2008)
4. Improvement Plan following the recommendations of the CQC Inspection of Adult Services (2009)

Background

This report contains activity and progress on Safeguarding Adults in Sefton from October to December 2010.

Quarterly update of Safeguarding Adults October to December 2010

1. Statistics for the period 1st October to 31st December 2010

The number of referrals received for the three months period totalled 162 resulting in a cumulative total for the current year of **569**.

The monthly referral rate was as follows:

April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
67	57	80	76	66	61	71	53	38

The youngest alleged victim is 19 years and the eldest 96 years.

Gender distribution is as follows:-

Male	Female
73	89

Distribution of referrals across the Teams was as follows:-

Care Management North	Care Management South	Elderly Mentally Infirm North	Elderly Mentally Infirm South	Southport District General Team	Aintree Hospital Team
19	47	08	18	07	11
Learning Disability North	Learning Disability South	Mental Health North	Mental Health Central	Mental Health South	Intake Team
27	17	01	04	03	-----

Primary Service User Group identification was as follows:-

Dementia	Frailty	Learn Disability	Mental Health	Physical Disability	Substance Misuse	Other Vuln	Sensory Impairment
34	40	46	09	18	03	10	02

The alleged location of the abuse was recorded as below:-

Location	Number of Allegations
Own Home	73
Supported Tenancies	23
Day care	04
Nursing Homes	24
Residential Homes	24
Public Place	03
Hospitals	03
Other Health Settings	01
Other	00
Education	07

The allegations involved **90** cases of multiple abuse with the main categories of abuse being as follows:-

Physical	Psycho	Finance	Neglect	Sexual	Disc	Instit
64	75	38	54	10	05	06

Alerts were received from the following agencies:-

CQC	Education	Family	Friend	Health	Housing
01	14	11	05	35	04
Police	Dom Care	Self Referral	Other Social Care Staff	Res& Nursing	Social Work
16	13	04	10	35	14

Service Commissioners were as follows:-

Sefton	Other L/A's	Health	No Service	Self Funding
65	34	10	46	07

Some recent outcomes include:-

- Disciplinary actions taken by employers to address abusive actions and poor practice by members of staff.
- Increased monitoring and support of care provision by Contracts and Commissioning staff from Adult Social Care to address reporting and recording issues raised through the course of investigations.
- Care Home Manager charged with the taking of thousands of pounds from a deceased service user with the case to be transferred later in the year to Liverpool Crown Court for trial.
- Service user transferred into residential care to reduce risk of continued abuse in the community.