

**REPORT TO:** Cabinet Member Health & Social Care

**DATE:** 26<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**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):**

The Cabinet Member is asked to:

1. Approve the contents of the report
2. Receive further reports on a quarterly basis on performance relating to Safeguarding Adults in Sefton

**KEY DECISION:**

**FORWARD PLAN:**

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:**

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**        None

**IMPLICATIONS:**

**Budget/Policy Framework:**    None

**Financial:**    There are no financial implications relating to this report.

<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>2009 2010 £</b>	<b>2010/ 2011 £</b>	<b>2011/ 2012 £</b>	<b>2012/ 2013 £</b>
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<b><u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u></b>				
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:**              None

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**

### CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

<b><u>Corporate Objective</u></b>		<b><u>Positive Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Neutral Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Negative Impact</u></b>
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. Putting People First (DH 2008)
2. The Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Act 2006

## **Background**

This report contains activity and progress on Safeguarding Adults in Sefton January to March 2010.

### **Quarterly update on Safeguarding Adults January to March 2010**

#### **1. Training**

Training completed for the Council, partner and voluntary organisations.

Alerters training – 530 staff attended the training in March 2010 run by 'Afta thought'  
Alerters training was also delivered for voluntary groups linked to CVS – 6 attended.

Managers for Investigator training – 11 attended

Refresher for Investigator training – 12 attended

The alerters training will be delivered in July 2010. Following the agreement by Cabinet Member in February 2010, a charge for non attendance will be introduced in line with Sefton Adults Workforce Development Unit's current cancellation policy.

#### **2. Dignity in Care**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2010 the Dignity in Care Action Day was promoted in the Borough to raise awareness of the Dignity in Care scheme.

As part of the Dignity in Care Action Plan, a pilot scheme is to be launched with contracted providers of social care using the Dignity standards. This will be evaluated in October 2010 and if successful will be rolled out to other contracted social care providers in Sefton.

The Dignity in Care campaign will be further promoted during Carers Week, Learning Disability Week and as part of the Memory Matters Roadshows during May/June 2010.

### **3. Statistics for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010**

Total referrals for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 numbered 192.

104 alleged victims are female and 88 male.

Referrals came from:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number of Alerts</b>
Residential and Nursing Homes	80
Primary Care Settings	22
Police	12
Domiciliary Care providers	13
Other Social Care settings	14
Day Care	5
Family Members	11
Social Workers direct	8
Secondary Health Care	7
Other	7
Housing	4
Self Referrals	3
Education	3
CQC	3

The allegations involved 56 cases of multiple abuse with the main categories of abuse being as follows:-

Physical	Psychological	Financial	Neglect	Sexual	Institutional
82	44	47	61	13	01

Some recent outcomes include:-

- Prosecution of a care worker for inappropriate behaviour whilst working with a vulnerable person.
- Removal of a vulnerable person from the community to a residential care setting on a temporary basis to reduce the accumulated stress levels between the person and their full time carer. This allowed for opportunity to carefully plan for future care needs.
- No further actions against care staff following unsubstantiated allegations of physical abuse and neglect allegedly experienced by a vulnerable person accessing respite care.
- A vulnerable person having a substantial sum of money returned to them following the interception of the Legal Department, which had previously been lent in good faith.

