

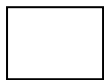
**APPENDIX 2**

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**Report of the Director of Adult Social Services****Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Care)****Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010****Subject: Directors Response - Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Care) Report on the Independence wellbeing and Choice inspection of Leeds Adult Social Services 2008**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

**Specific Implications For:**Equality and Diversity Community Cohesion Narrowing the Gap 

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**Executive Summary**

This report provides the Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Care) with details of the recommendations from the recent Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board inquiry into the Independence, Wellbeing and Choice Inspection of Leeds Adult social Services conducted and reported in 2008, the report sets out how the Director proposes to respond to the recommendations made through the course of the inquiry.

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Care) with the response of the Director of Adult Social Services to the recommendations resulting from the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board inquiry into the Independence, Wellbeing and Choice Inspection of Leeds Adult social Services conducted and reported in 2008.

**2.0 Background**

2.1 Throughout the review Adult social Services Scrutiny Board maintained a watching brief of the overall improvement in performance of Adult Social Services, measured against the action plan generated in response to the Independence, Wellbeing and Choice Inspection. The objective was to ensure clear accountability for all target areas was maintained, to question areas where the Board considered insufficient progress had been made and with the objective of ensuring any identifiable problems would be resolved. The Board considered the area of Safeguarding of particular importance and therefore determined that both the Working Group and the Board investigated this area in greater detail.

2.2 The Board also focused on recommendations 3 and 25 within the action plan which specifically related to the strengthening of strategic partnerships in relation to Safeguarding.

**Recommendation 3:** The Council and its Partners should agree and implement improved procedures ensuring that these:

- Set out specific and monitorable expectations on staff from all agencies.
- Implement a system of compliance monitoring processes that ensure consistent practice.

**Recommendation 25:** The Council and its partners should strengthen governance arrangements so that elected members and relevant officers in partner organizations have a clear understanding of the performance of adult safeguarding.

### 3.0 Recommendations

3.1 This section lists each of the Scrutiny Board's three recommendations, along with a response from the Director of Adult Social Services.

#### 3.2 Recommendation One:

*Recommendation 1 – That the Chairperson of the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board provides a half yearly update to the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board or its successor Board during 2010/11 and 2011/12*

3.3 This recommendation is agreed. Arrangements are in hand for this report to be scheduled into the work programme of the board for each of the municipal years specified.

#### 3.4 Recommendation Two:

*Recommendation 2 – That the Director of Adult Social Services ensures partnership organisations provide an undertaking to provide evidence for serious case reviews within a reasonable amount of time to be defined by the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board.*

3.5 This recommendation is agreed. The Memorandum of Understanding which governs the business of the board and its sub-groups is being revised to incorporate greater detail in relation to the requirements on all partners with regard to the participation of their officers in serious case reviews, this will include the specification of recommended timescales for the completion by those officers of key elements of review enquiries.

#### 3.6 Recommendation Three:

*Recommendation 3 – That the Head Scrutiny and Member Development ensures the provision of adult safeguarding training to all newly elected members as part of their induction programme.*

3.7 This recommendation is supported. The induction programme for the 2010/11 new intake of Members is currently underway and a programme of events established, however the Member Development Officer will work with officers to ensure an appropriate learning event is incorporated into the programme and delivered early in the 2010/11 municipal year. This will be for new and existing Members. The 2011/12 Induction programme and programmes thereafter will incorporate adult safeguarding training.

#### **4.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance**

4.1 There are no immediate implications for Council Policy and Governance.

#### **5.0 Legal and Resource Implications**

5.1 The recommendations will be resourced from within existing Adult Social Care staffing and budgets, and funding is secured within the approved budget for 2010/11.

#### **6.0 Conclusions**

6.1 The Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board inquiry into the Independence, Wellbeing and Choice Inspection of Adult Social Services and the consequent action plan in response to the Inspection developed by officers has concluded. All the recommendations made by the Board are accepted with the actions required to respond to those recommendations highlighted in this report.

#### **7.0 Recommendations**

7.1 Members are requested to consider the responses as outlined in this report.

**8.0 Background Papers** -There are no specific background papers relating to this report