

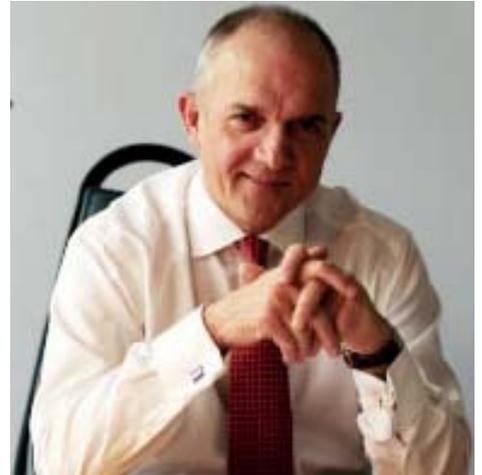
Welcome to the first edition the Glasgow Adult Protection Committee Newsletter.

We hope to bring you some news and articles 3 or 4 times a year. I hope you enjoy the first issue.

If you have any ideas about what you would like to see in this newsletter then please email me at: GlasgowAdultProtection@glasgow.gov.uk

Thanks for reading

Colin



Colin Anderson
Chair of Glasgow Adult Protection Committee

Included in this issue :

Large Scale Investigations

Three Point Test

Principals of the Act

New Training Officer Appointed

Reports from the Localities

Every 4 to 6 weeks, each of the three social work sectors hosts regular multi-agency adult protection forums. These meetings are attended by representatives from the police, fire service, Cordia, Advocacy organisations, Health, Social Work and housing.

Each has its own agenda but the main focus is on sharing information at a local level and building links to aid communication and understanding of each other's roles and perspective.

More information will follow in future issues of the newsletter.

Adult Protection Committee (APC) - What does it do?

Part of the Adult Support and Protection Act requires the operation of an APC in each Local Authority area. The APC must have an independent Chair and is a multi-agency committee with representation from the Council, Police and Health Board and other agencies who have an interest or role in adult protection.

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The Glasgow committee is chaired by Colin Anderson and meets 6 times a year in the City Chambers. The committee has a range of duties, which include;

- Reviewing adult protection practices
- Improving co-operation
- Improving skills and knowledge
- Providing information and advice
- Promoting good communication.

Glasgow also has a Service User Sub Committee which was established to make sure that the service user voice is heard and has an opportunity to inform the work of the Adult Protection Committee. The Sub Committee receives information such as reports, findings and recommendations and it has commissioned research into the service user experience.

Taking account of the principles of the Act

Principles are high value statements that help direct and guide any interventions under the Act. The Adult Support and Protection Act has two sets of principles, overarching principles for everyone and more specific principles for people who take actions under the Act such as Social Workers, Care staff and Health professionals.

Overarching principles:

- Any intervention under the Act must provide **benefit** to the adult
- Any intervention under the Act must be the **least restrictive** to the adult's freedom.

Principles for performing functions

- Workers must take account of the **wishes of the adult**
- They must also take account of the **views of others** if relevant
- The adult should **participate** as fully as possible in any decisions being made.
- The adult is **not treated less favourably** than a person who is not 'at risk of harm'.
- Workers should take account of the adult's **abilities, background** and **characteristics**.

NEW TRAINING OFFICER APPOINTED

Angela McGovern has recently taken up the post of adult protection training officer with Glasgow City Council and will add to the established Council Officer training programme (levels 2 &3).

Adult protection training is graded across three levels from foundation to specialist dependent on the audience it is being delivered to.

Level One training should be provided by each agency, for all staff working with vulnerable adults and provides a basic overview of Adult Support and Protection including how to recognise harm and how to report harm.

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Level Two training is more detailed and is for practitioners who need a need a deeper understanding and awareness of the Act and local procedures.

Level three training is specialised and in-depth, for instance covering duties under the Act for Council Officers who carry out enquiries and investigations.

The Adult Protection Committee is keen to support multi-agency training and recognises the need for people from all sectors to come together to learn from each other. A training sub group of the Committee has been established and is currently working with partners to encourage the sharing of training resources.

Free and comprehensive training resources for level One training (which include handouts, videos and tutor notes) are available from <http://scottishcare.org/workforce-matters/tellsomeone/>

What is the 'Three Point Test'?

You won't find 'three point test' anywhere in the Adult Support and Protection Act but it has become a common shorthand term for a number of people who work with the Act.

In essence it is an attempt to simplify who might be affected by the Act and who may not. It is important to say that if you are in doubt about the detail underlying each of the tree categories or in relation to the meaning of any of the descriptions in the 'three point test' you should seek advice from a Social Worker or your organisations Adult Protection Lead Officer.

Taking real life situations and applying the this test is difficult and sometimes fraught with dilemmas so if you have any concern about an adult who may be at risk you should tell someone and seek advice from an experienced colleague or from a Social Worker.

To meet the three point test and adult (over the age of 16 years) must meet ALL of the following:

- The adult is at risk of, or is being harmed by another person
- The adult is more vulnerable than a typical citizen because of disability, illness or mental disorder (mental disorder includes learning disability, mental ill health, autism or dementia)
- The adult is unable to protect themselves from harm

Some examples of types of harm:

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| ▶ Physical | ▶ Sexual |
| ▶ Psychological | ▶ Discriminatory |
| ▶ Financial | ▶ Institutional |
| ▶ Neglect | |

More information is available on the internet; this site is a good starting point. <http://scottishcare.org/workforce-matters/tellsomeone/>

Large Scale Investigations (LSI)

There has recently been a review of how we consider and record Large Scale Investigations (LSI) within Glasgow. The review has moved more in line with the West of Scotland model and the National model which will allow Glasgow Health and Social Care partnership to report back to the Scottish Government as part of their annual data return. The revised guidance provides a clear framework on what should be considered and would constitute an LSI and the process to be followed during a LSI Inquiry or Investigation.

An LSI is defined as-

A multi-agency response to circumstances where there may be a risk of serious harm within a care setting (this may be either residential care, day care, home based care or a healthcare setting). The circumstances of concern could have arisen during a short timeframe, or have accumulated over a longer period. Additionally, there could be circumstances where the seriousness of the harm experienced by one individual; and potential impact on others, would merit a large scale investigation.

The definitions above are a guide and are not exclusive to care settings and could also be applied to settings or situations within the community.

Home Fire Safety Visits

Do you know that Scottish Fire and Rescue Service carry out FREE Home Fire Safety Visits?

These visits are carried out by highly trained Firefighters and local Community Safety Advocates. During the visit they will discuss general fire safety awareness giving advice to make you safer within your home.

If you require Smoke Detectors these will be provided and fitted FREE of charge at the time of visit.

Anyone can request a FREE Home Fire Safety Visit. This can be done, either by calling the Free phone number on 0800 0731 999 or by [visiting the website](#)



If you know or suspect that an Adult is being harmed then you need to report your concerns.

Don't assume that someone else has already reported it. The person being harmed or neglected may not be able to report it themselves. Remember, the person who did this may be doing it to others too.

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