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Dear Mr Reynolds

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request for information

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, detailed below, which was received on 15 October 2012. Our response is in bold italics

Who is the Head of Children's Safeguarding at your council?

The Head of Children's Social Care is currently Sue Ross (Interim), Beate Wagner will be the new Head of Service mid November. In addition, we have a Lead Councillor – Cllr. Megan Swift. The Director of Children's Services who has statutory responsibility for children and young people's services in Calderdale, including safeguarding is Stuart Smith.

Have you set up a Children's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub?

We are unsure of what you are actually asking for here, but I hope the following answers your questions:

We have the Calderdale Safeguarding Board, a statutory multi-agency board that has a strategic role, holding all agencies accountable for the delivery of safeguarding i.e. specifically those that provide services for children and young people, including voluntary sector.

However, the following question suggests that it relates to the joint Health, Children's Social Services and Police – MAST (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Team) which is currently being set up within Calderdale and we expect will be operation within the next three months. The main contact for this will be Jane Booth (Independent chair, Calderdale Safeguarding Children's Board) and Lisa Adams (Interim Service Manager, First Response Team).

If Yes, at what stage is the project at? And who is the main contact in the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub?

See above.



Ian Hughes

Head of Democratic & Partnership Services

Who is the Head of Adults Safeguarding at your council?

Councillor Bob Metcalfe is the portfolio holder for safeguarding adults in Calderdale Council. The Safeguarding Adults Team in Calderdale is managed by Mark Albiston and sits within the Welfare and Social Care part of the Directorate, which is managed by Phil Shires. The strategic vision of Safeguarding Adults work is overseen by the Safeguarding Adults Board which is overseen by an independent chair - Bill Hodson.

The top priority for Calderdale Council is to safeguard adults who are at risk of being abused.

This is within the meaning of the "Vulnerable Adult" definition that is contained within the Department of Health's "No Secrets".

Do you have any plans for setting up an Adult's Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub?

The Council and NHS are currently looking to set up a multi agency safeguarding adult's team on a pilot basis.

The Local Authority is currently working with the Clinical Commissioning Group (replaced the PCTs) to finalise and agree a 6 month pilot project, which will set up a multi- agency safeguarding adults team. This team will be line managed by the safeguarding adults' manager who is joint funded by the Council and NHS Calderdale.

If Yes, at what stage is the project at? And who is the main contact in the Adult's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub?

The Local Authority and Clinical Commissioning Group are at the stage of finalising the outcomes and remit of the Safeguarding adults' pilot and staff resources required to meet these outcomes. It is anticipated that this issue will be resolved before the end of December 2012.

The main leads for this project are Mark Albiston (Safeguarding Adults Manager Calderdale Council) and Ann McPherson (Assistant Director Quality Improvement Safeguarding Adults NHS Calderdale).

In addition to this the Local Authority is currently leading a project to develop a whole systems and early intervention response model to safeguarding concerns within collective care settings (for example care homes).

This will map out information that is held by internal and external stakeholders and will allow us to consider the business processes and working relationships required to ensure all stakeholders can build on their understanding of:

- **The roles and responsibilities of each key stakeholder (e.g. the police, social workers, quality and performance contracts team, complaints officers, health staff, etc)**
- **The information that is held by each partner agency**
- **Where this information is currently reported to and how this is managed.**
- **The information needs and requirements of each partner agency.**
- **What barriers exist to prevent effective communication exchange across different operational boundaries.**



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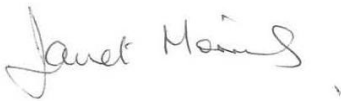
- ***Business processes we require to ensure there is clear and auditable accountability around the issue of information exchange when concerns are of a safeguarding nature.***
- ***Appropriate responses to safeguarding concerns that are based on the nature of the concern (i.e. is this a criminal act) and are proportionate to the level of concern.***
- ***Better understanding of market forces and the impact on adult safeguarding***

This will allow us to move towards more proactive mechanisms for responding to safeguarding adults concerns.

I hope this is helpful to you and any feedback from you would be welcomed

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Yours sincerely



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