

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....24th April 2014

1. Title of Item/Report

Adults Safeguarding Peer Challenge

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that provided a summary of the review methodology and how initial feedback was reported to the Corporate Director. The full report was attached to the report.

The Review was undertaken over four days and focused on the outcome of people's experience of safeguarding.

The Review incorporated interviews with strategic partners, but due to the work to develop a Tees-wide Statutory Safeguarding Adults Board, the strategic adult safeguarding arrangements and structures were not a major focus of the review.

Prior to the review taking place, a self-assessment document, with supporting evidence, was provided to the Peer Review Team.

The Peer Review Team was made up of the following members:-

Martin Farran, Director of Adults & Communities, Barnsley Council;  
Councillor Alan Kerr, Deputy Leader of South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough;

Ian Winter CBE, Associate LGA ;

Ruth Allen, Director of Social Work, South West London & St George's Mental Health NHS Trust ;

Maria Gray, Detective Constable, Protection of Vulnerable Adults, Metropolitan Police ;

Marcus Coulson, Challenge Manager, Local Government Association.

The team was on site from 3 – 6 February 2014 and met and spoke to a number of internal and external stakeholders including:-

- Carrying out interviews and discussions with Councillors, Officers and Partners;
- Conducting focus Groups with Managers, Practitioners, Frontline Staff

and people using Services and Carers;

The full details of the Review timetable were attached to the report.

Twenty-seven case files were subject to audit by the Team and feedback from the Reviewer was positive, including additional notes that he provided to the Council after the review.

An overview of the key findings of the review was provided in a presentation to the Council on the last day of the Review.

The attached report provided more detail in relation to this initial information.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The content of the report of the Peer Review Team be noted.
2. Cabinet receive the action plan and updates on progress in due course.

3. Reasons for the Decision

It is important that the Cabinet is aware of the peer review outcomes with respect to Adult Safeguarding.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on Friday, 2nd May 2014

Proper Officer

28 April 2014