

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust

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Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Strategy

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Corporate Objective	CO1 – Enhancing Patient Experience, Safety and Effectiveness
Goal	Enhancing Patient Experience, Safety and Effectiveness
Executive Summary	<p>The Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Board (Shropshire Council and Telford and Wrekin Council) is responsible for co-ordinating arrangements related to Safeguarding and Adult Protection. The VASB is made up of senior representatives from partner agencies across Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin, which includes Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital.</p> <p>The VASB expects each partner organisation to participate in the decision making process, and to have systems and working practices in place, demonstrating a commitment to the elimination of abuse and the reduction of risk from abuse and harm.</p> <p>The Trust has actively been involved with the development of the Safeguarding Strategy and also the Safeguarding Training Strategy. Both strategies emphasise the need to include the prevention agenda as well as safeguarding vulnerable adults already suffering from abuse.</p> <p>The Strategy provides a framework within which all partner agencies can work, in order to protect and safeguard vulnerable adults</p> <p>It provides a clear strategic direction for all safeguarding work within the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and publicity • Learning and Development • Prevention and reduction of risk of harm for vulnerable adults • Partnership and co-ordination. • Ensuring that adult protection and safeguarding work is consistently carried out in line with the principles of Equality and Diversity • Management and ongoing review and development of the Multi Agency Adult Protection Policy and procedures. <p>The Strategy has been approved at the Vulnerable Adult safeguarding Board and is required to be adopted by the Trust Board. The Strategy has been considered by the Trusts' Clinical Governance Executive. The Strategy will be monitored through the Trust's Safeguarding Board to ensure delivery on the requirement for robust awareness and training with multiagency support. Progress of implementation will be reported to the Quality and Safety Committee.</p>
Recommendations	The Board is asked to APPROVE and ADOPT the VASB Safeguarding Strategy.

Quality Account 2010/2011

Contribution to Inspection, Registration, Performance and Delivery

Risks and Assurance	The Safeguarding Strategy developed by the Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Board emphasises the necessity of identifying early risk factors and that all agencies involved promote a consistent approach to responding to allegations of abuse, and to reduce the risk of harm to vulnerable adults.
Contribution to Key Performance Indicators	Staff are aware of the adult protection policy, the Safeguarding Strategy and the actions to be taken if abuse is suspected or witnessed Staff receive appropriate training in Adult Protection Awareness Adult protection referrals are appropriately investigated
Compliance with Clinical and other Governance Requirements	External regulators including the CQC, WMRS and NHSLA will monitor the safeguarding procedures, its effectiveness and review of services if required.

Impact Assessment

Quality	The Strategy outlines the commitment of all agencies to a person-centred approach to safeguarding, which places vulnerable people at the centre of all considerations, respects, and support.
Financial	Not applicable
Workforce	To ensure the workforce is competent in protecting vulnerable adults, recognising potential abuse and responding to allegations of abuse appropriately
Legislation and Policy	The Department of Health advocates an integrated process ensuring that all adult safeguarding becomes fully integrated within the NHS systems. This is being achieved through the Clinical Governance Executive. The Trust has an Adult Protection Policy which is in line with the Multi Agency Policy
Equality and Diversity	These issues are relevant across all patient / carers and services provided
Communication and Marketing	Safeguarding requires robust and effective inter- agency partnership involving public bodies, private and voluntary organisations working together on a range of activities which aims for the elimination of abuse and the reduction of risk from abuse and harm.

Engagement and Decision-Making Process

The Safeguarding Strategy has been developed by the Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Board (Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Council) partner agencies have actively participated in this strategy including Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital. All agencies involved have been asked to endorse the Safeguarding Strategy
