

## **South Gloucestershire Adult Safeguarding Outcome and Performance Self-Assessment Audit 2016-17**

Partners of the South Gloucestershire adult safeguarding board are committed to achieving continuous improvement working both individually and collectively. At our board meeting in June 2016 it was agreed that a number of volunteer partners conduct a pilot of the adult safeguarding self-assessment tool utilised by our colleagues in Gloucestershire and other neighbouring areas.

The self assessment tool provides a valuable resource to organisations in measuring the extent to which they are delivering good safeguarding practice and identifying future developments to be pursued. It is one important method of demonstrating good planning and defensible decision-making in adult safeguarding.

A further value of the tool is that it has relevance for a wide range of service providers. As a consequence, this gives facility for a wider sharing of ideas and developments between partners. The utility of the tool was proposed by the quality assurance subgroup and an evaluation of the findings, by that group, will be of value to the board in the pursuit of best practices.

The self assessment audit tool captures the six principles of adult safeguarding which are reflected in the priorities of the board strategic plan.

In addition to individual organisation performance measurement and improvement planning the South Gloucestershire adult safeguarding board quality assurance subgroup will review findings from the tool. Any refinements and collective knowledge that can be gained from the participation of volunteers in this pilot will be reported to the board.

Those partners willing to volunteer for this pilot audit should liaise directly with the chair of quality assurance subgroup to negotiate submission dates and other arrangements for necessary dialogue.

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