

Adult Protection Committee Newsletter

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Welcome to the sixth issue of our newsletter. You should already have received a web link to the new 2016 Adult Protection Procedures but we have added the link in below. The procedures are now an electronic document with hyperlinks and so work best when used in this way. To navigate around the procedures use the hyper linked contents page.

The following highlights some changes in the new procedures:

There is now a list of useful phone numbers and a flow chart right at the front of the procedures

- Chapter 5 Recognising Abuse and Harmful Behaviour towards an adult. Has been extended and improved. This now contains better information about the types of harm that adults can be at risk of and it is hoped that this will be helpful for anyone who is concerned that an adult may be at risk.
- Chapter 6 is a new stepwise guide that aims to support everyone in Shetland who may become aware of an adult at risk to recognise harm, respond to an adult who may be at risk, seek advice and help from a line manager and refer to social work (report and refer) and record what has happened. Steps 1 to 6 cover the steps that anyone can use to report concerns that an adult may be at risk. Steps 7 to 9 give more detailed guidance for Council Officers and Police Scotland who may be involved in more formal investigations.
- Chapter 7 Adult Support and Protection Case Conferences gives more detail about conferences and supports the current good practice of ensuring that the adult at risk is at the heart of the meeting.
- Chapter 8 Participation, consent and advocacy has been updated.
- Chapter 9 which contains specific guidance for social workers acting as Council Officers has updated guidance that follows the 2014 Code of Practice for Adult Support and Protection.
- Chapters 10 and 11 which contain information about the legal framework have been updated.
- Chapter 13 now holds all the forms and leaflets that people may need to access - including a new leaflet "Keeping you Safe" that social workers can give to adults who are involved in more formal adult protection investigations.
- Appendix 3 contains updated Appropriate Adult Procedures.

APC is holding **short workshop events on the 2nd September 2016 from 9.30—11.30 and 2.30—4.30pm** to highlight the changes to the new procedures. Hard copies of the procedures are being circulated and if anyone requires extra copies please contact the Lead Officer- very happy to provide extra copies to anyone who needs them. To book a place on the course please contact Sarah Johnston—sarah.johnston@shetland.gov.uk or call 01595744411.

<http://www.safershetland.com/assets/files/ASP-Procedures-May-16---Final.pdf>

If anyone has any queries or spots any problems with the new procedures please contact **Kate Gabb, Lead Officer, Adult and Child Protection on kate.gabb@shetland.gov.uk**
Please return any old 2011 hard copy procedures to Adult and Child Protection Office, Old Library Centre.

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