

Adult Protection Committee Newsletter

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Welcome to the third quarterly newsletter for Shetland Adult Protection Committee. We aim to provide you with some recent research and information about adult support and protection that you can share with colleagues, please feel free to forward this newsletter to your colleagues.

Update on current work re financial abuse

On the 18th May 2015 Max Barnett Convenor of Shetland APC met with representatives of the local banking sector, Trading Standards and Shetland Credit Union. The meeting agreed to improve information sharing about current scams operating in Shetland and to improve local publicity about financial abuse. We would welcome any suggestions from you. Watch this space. Please see below for weblink to a document about finance and property harm.

Power of Attorney

Recent work undertaken by the Adult Protection Committee has highlighted the importance of everyone working with adults having a good understanding of power of attorney. Supporting adults and their relatives and carers to understand how having a power of attorney can help them regulate their legal and financial affairs and provide protection from exploitation is important. Please see below for links to useful leaflets from the Office of the Public Guardian (if you require hard copies please email Sarah Johnston at sarah.johnston@shetland.gov.uk This information would be helpful for all staff and service users.

Websites

Financial abuse

http://www.adultprotectionsouthlanarkshire.org.uk/downloads/file/30/finance_and_property_harm_booklet

Power of Attorney

<http://www.ageuk.org.uk/scotland/money-matters/power-of-attorney/>

<http://www.publicguardian-scotland.gov.uk/power-of-attorney>

<http://www.publicguardian-scotland.gov.uk/docs/librariesprovider3/poa/pdf-documents/a-guide-to-making-a-power-of-attorney.pdf?sfvrsn=4>

If you would like any further information or have any specific topics you would like information about, please contact Kate Gabb, Lead Officer by e mail on kate.gabb@shetland.gov.uk or by telephone on (01595) 744435.

<http://www.safershetland.com/adult-protection>

Link to Shetland Interagency Adult Protection Procedures

<http://www.safershetland.com/assets/files/ASPPcedures-Nov-2011.pdf>