

Adults – Safeguarding Alerts – Audit Update

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1. Summary

- 1.1. This report provides an update for Audit Committee following the recommendations received following the Safeguarding Alerts audit issued 3 May 2017.

2. Issues for consideration / Recommendations

- 2.1. Members are asked to note the actions that have taken place by officers since the audit was completed and in particular focuses on the management actions agreed.

3. Background

- 3.1. The attached appendix provides an update on the management actions agreed as part of the Safeguarding Alerts audit completed in January 2017.

The audit was commissioned to assess the adequacy of the control and procedures in place for the Adults Safeguarding Alert process across Somerset County Council.

In particular the audit focussed on the 'alert stage' of a safeguarding contact being received by SCC. Extending focus to the subsequent timescales and reporting processes that are in place to ensure that all contacts that are accepted as needing a safeguarding response are responded to in a timely way, that there is a clear audit trail to support this and that enquiries are concluded timely.

In addition the audit identified the importance of case recording that evidenced practice decision making of a suitable quality and standard.

4. Update on Management Actions

- 4.1. Please see the attached Appendix A
Update - all actions are in progress but due to various service demands additional time is needed to allow for sufficient data to be available to be test.

5. Background papers

- 5.1. Adults – Safeguarding Alerts Final Report 3 may 2017

Note; For sight of individual background papers please contact the report author