

# **Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Board**

## **Terms of Reference**

The Board will promote the independence, choice, dignity and the individuality of vulnerable adults in all aspects of the work of the Board. Working in partnership with organisations across Buckinghamshire, in particular it will:

1. Monitor the effectiveness of organisations' implementation of their responsibilities in relation to the safeguarding of vulnerable adults as detailed in 'No Secrets'
2. Ensure that there is communication with the public to develop awareness of the safeguarding of vulnerable adults and to provide information on how to access services to secure their safety and the safety of others.
3. Develop policies and procedures for safeguarding the welfare of vulnerable adults in Buckinghamshire.
4. Ensure that systems are in place to identify and support the safety of all vulnerable adults, including those who are in receipt of Direct Payments, who have individual budgets to provide care and who are privately funded.
5. Develop and implement a training strategy to meet the training needs of staff across all agencies to work effectively together to safeguard vulnerable adults.
6. Develop standards for the recruitment and supervision of persons who work with vulnerable adults and monitor their implementation and compliance
7. Ensure that systems are in place in all agencies for the investigation of allegations of breaches of safeguarding practices concerning persons working with vulnerable adults and to monitor compliance with procedures.
8. Ensure that the work of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Board addresses the diverse needs of vulnerable adults from all communities in Buckinghamshire.
9. Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of what is done by the Local Authority and board partners individually and collectively to safeguard vulnerable adults and advise them on ways to improve.
10. Participate in the local planning and commissioning of adult services to ensure that they take account of safeguarding vulnerable adults.
12. Undertake serious case reviews in accordance with the Board's serious case review policy.
11. Formally report on its work to Buckinghamshire County Council's Strategic Director for Healthier Communities and Adult Services. Reports will also be made to Buckinghamshire's Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, who will decide on issues to be reported to Cabinet. An annual report will be made to the Adult Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Council.

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