

REPORT TO: Health & Wellbeing Board
DATE: 4th July 201
REPORTING OFFICER: Director of Adult Social Services
PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing
SUBJECT: Persons/People in a Position of Trust (PiPOT)
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To bring to the attention of the Health and Wellbeing Board, the North West Policy for managing concerns around people in Positions of Trust with adults who have care and support needs

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board the policy be noted and adopted

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The Care Act requires that partner agencies and their commissioners of services should have clear recordings and information sharing guidance, set explicit timescales for action and are aware of the need to preserve evidence. The attached policy builds upon existing relevant statutory provision. The guidance for “Managing Allegations against People in a Position of Trust” is contained within section 14 of the Care and Support Statutory Guidance of the Care Act 2014. Other relevant legislation includes: Data Protection Act 1998/European General Data Protection Regulation 2018 (GDPR); Human Rights act 1998 and employment legislation.

3.2 This document provides an overarching policy for the North West Region which has been ratified by the North West ADASS Regional Safeguarding Group. This should be used in conjunction with local Person in a Position of Trust (PiPOT) Guidance, which is currently under development, and existing local Safeguarding Adults Procedure and Practice Guidance.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Local procedures will be required to be developed in order to address those instances where a relevant agency is alerted to information that may affect the suitability of a professional, or volunteer to work with an adult(s) at risk, where such information has originated from activity outside of their professional or volunteer role and place or work.

4.2 This will ensure appropriate consideration is given to those instances where a person’s actions raise concerns, but are not currently covered by legal prosecution

or internal disciplinary procedures.

5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None identified

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children & Young People in Halton

None identified

6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

None identified

6.3 A Healthy Halton

None identified

6.4 A Safer Halton

Adherence to the policy will ensure that adults with care and support needs are protected from the risk of abuse in the future. Agencies will need to provide the Halton Safeguarding Adult Board with assurance that they have appropriate systems in place to manage such allegations relating to people in positions of trust.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None identified

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 None identified

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required for this report

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

9.1 None