A Practical Guide to Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

Thursday 15 November 2007
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A one day conference examining best practice methods in safeguarding vulnerable adults

Topics include:

- Safeguarding vulnerable adults: policy and practice update
- Balancing autonomy and protection
- Legal update including the potential impact of the ‘Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill’ and the Mental Capacity Act
- Putting the policy into practice
- Developing and implementing an integrated multi-agency policy and practice ensuring a joint preventative approach incorporating safeguarding children
- Training and educating frontline staff in safeguarding vulnerable adults
- Risk assessment, governance and management in practice
- Protecting vulnerable adults through improving dignity in health services
- Changing roles and ways of working to improve practice

Chaired by Mervyn Eastman

*UK Director* Better Government for Older People and *President* The Practitioner Alliance against Abuse of Vulnerable Adults
The government is determined that vulnerable adults should be given the greatest protection possible from harm. In addition to raising standards of care through National Service Frameworks, regulating providers of care in a more thorough and consistent way and introducing national minimum standards for regulated care services, the government has taken action to specifically address the abuse of vulnerable adults.

The government document "No Secrets" encourages effective communication across all organisations. Another focus for Adult Safeguarding Services has been to raise awareness about what constitutes abuse, how it can be identified and investigated, and identifying strategies that can be employed to prevent its occurrence.

The conference includes a legal update which examines the potential impact of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Bill and the Mental Capacity Act and discusses issues to be aware of when moving forward.

Feedback from previous delegates:

"Speakers very informative, excellent chairperson – thank you"

"A very interesting agenda, a lot covered in the day, good practice examples"

"Excellent, useful info about the practical issues around this area of work"

This one day conference provides a practical insight into risk assessment, governance and management in practice and training and educating frontline staff in safeguarding vulnerable adults. You will also hear about changing roles and ways of working to improve practice which will enable you to take back ideas and implement them within your own organisation.
10.00 Chairman’s introduction and welcome

10.15 Safeguarding vulnerable adults: policy and practice update

Daniel Blake
Policy Development Manager
Action on Elder Abuse
- UK policy and practice update
- changing the culture: challenging negative perceptions of vulnerable people
- combating abuse and neglect in practice: examples and case studies

10.45 Balancing autonomy and protection

Professor Hilary Brown
Consultant in Social Care
The Centre for Applied Social and Psychological Development
- preventative action that doesn’t compromise autonomy: getting the balance right
- when should practitioners act on behalf of someone at risk?
- difficult situations: how to address dilemmas in practice

11.15 Questions and answers, followed by coffee and exhibition at 11.30

11.50 Legal update including the potential impact of the ‘Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill’ and the Mental Capacity Act

David Hewitt
Partner
Hempsons Solicitors
- safeguarding vulnerable adults: legal issues and framework
- recent claims and cases
- the potential impact of the ‘Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill’
- the Mental Capacity Act: implications for practice
- moving forward: issues to be aware of

12.35 Putting the policy into practice

Bill Nicol
Head of Adult Safeguarding
Suffolk Vulnerable Adults Protection Committee
- implementing effective safeguarding in the frontline: raising awareness and changing the culture
- monitoring the impact of policy and practice
- working together to turn policy into practice: our experience

13.00 Questions and answers, followed by lunch and exhibition at 13.10

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14.00 Developing and implementing an integrated multi-agency policy and practice
Ensuring a joint preventative approach incorporating safeguarding children

Linda Stewart
Safeguarding Adults Services Manager
Surrey Safeguarding
- delivering a multi-agency approach to adult protection
- delivering an integrated approach with safeguarding children
- challenges and developments in Surrey

14.30 Training and educating frontline staff in safeguarding vulnerable adults

Sue Grimes
Safeguarding Manager with
Dawn Goodson
Safeguarding Adults Training and Development Officer
The Safeguarding Adults Partnership, Sunderland
- delivering training and education to frontline staff
- ensuring frontline staff know their role and responsibilities in adult protection
- levels of training and our approach in practice: case studies

15.00 Risk assessment, governance and management in practice

Pauline John
Associate Director, Governance with Lead for
Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults
Manchester Mental Health and Social Care Trust
- developing a trust wide clinical assessment tool including safeguarding issues
- risk management and raising awareness: key issues for practitioners in a mental health setting
- working in collaboration with partner agencies to ensure the protection of vulnerable adults

15.30 Questions and answers, followed by tea and exhibition at 15.40

16.00 Protecting vulnerable adults through improving dignity in health services

Margaret Berry
Chief Nurse
Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- how improved dignity and privacy can help to protect vulnerable older adults
- addressing dignity in hospitals and care services: attitudes and approaches
- an update on dignity policy and practice

16.30 Changing roles and ways of working to improve practice

Aileen Fraser
Consultant nurse for older people and vulnerable adults and Professional Lead, Advanced Primary Nurses
North Bristol PCT and North Bristol NHS Trust
- changing roles and ways of working in adult protection
- ensuring adult protection meets the needs of vulnerable people
- improving awareness and overcoming the challenges
- new roles in practice in Bristol

17.00 Questions and answers, followed by close at 17.10
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