



Scrutiny Committee – Review Scoping Document

Review Title:	Scrutiny of Safeguarding
Date of Review:	
Purpose of the Review:	
The purpose of the review is to ensure that: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WMFS policy and procedures (Standing Order 1712) is compliant with the legislation, statutory guidance and addresses the learning from recent fire safety prohibition cases.• The whole workforce has the necessary skills and knowledge to identify safeguarding concerns within the context of their role and apply the policy and processes consistently and competently• The policy is owned by the most appropriate SET member so that safeguarding is seen as everyone's responsibility• There are quality standards and monitoring processes in place so that the organisation can be assured that safeguarding concerns are being identified and managed in accordance with Standing Order 1712.	
Intended Outcomes:	
The intended outcomes are:- To ensure that the policy: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• complies with relevant legislation.• is applied consistently internally in the provision of support for the workforce where relevant.• is applied consistently externally through the delivery prevention, protection, response and other activities where the workforce has contact with the community.• To ensure that: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• there are appropriate policies, procedures and guidance in place to support safeguarding and that these are appropriately cross referenced	



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- mandatory training and development needs by role are identified and implemented along with the refresh frequency requirements to maintain competency.
- recruitment, selection and induction processes consistently obtain references, obtain DBS checks where relevant for successful candidates and include the requirement to undertake the relevant role related training and to safeguard.

To determine and identify: -

- the extent to which the workforce has been trained and is competent in recognising safeguarding concerns, including the link between safeguarding and fire.
- what governance, quality framework and monitoring arrangements need to be in place to provide assurance that policy and process is being followed.
- which Strategic Enabler is most appropriately placed to own the policy

Lead Member

Lead Officer/Officer Group (including partners):

Links to Strategic Objectives

Links to the level 2 and level 3 objectives:

- The safety, health and well-being of the most vulnerable people in our communities will improve through our interventions delivered to tackle the effects of an increasing demand on health and social care services.
- The number of people killed or seriously injured by fire-related incidents will reduce as we focus, with our partners, on the risks faced by the most vulnerable people in our communities
- We will utilise an evidence-based approach to risk reduction to enable effective engagement with the most vulnerable businesses and members of the community
- At all incidents we attend we will lead and co-ordinate rescue operations whilst working



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- collaboratively with other agencies to deliver an excellent response and meet public expectations
- Give people the knowledge, understanding and freedom to make informed decisions.

Reasons for undertaking the review:

WMFS has a duty to safeguard our communities during our prevention, protection and response activities. Our workforce may also engage the community during other contacts at WMFS premises and by telephone. The organisation is also a commissioned provider of services for adults with care and support needs through the delivery of the non-emergency falls response contracts. These contracts require WMFS to be compliant with relevant safeguarding legislation and statutory guidance

There have been recent changes to legislation and statutory guidance: -

- The introduction of the Care Act 2014 which sets out safeguarding duties for adults with care and support needs.
- Working Together to Safeguard Children which sets out the statutory duty in safeguarding children and young people, has been updated and is currently in a consultation period.

In addition, WMFS has been engaged in a multi-agency review following Fire Safety Prohibitions of a large building that housed children and families. This review made specific recommendations which WMFS need to address and implement.

There has been recent evidence to suggest that there are instances where either safeguarding concerns have not been identified and/or policy and procedure has not been applied.

Scoping undertaken by:

**Chief Officer and/or
Partner/Agency Equivalent:**



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Existing data available for consideration:

- Solihull Safeguarding Adults Board Partner Self-Assessment Tool
- Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board Care Act Compliance Audit
- Latest Working Together to Safeguard Children Section 11 Audits
- Chapter 14 of the Care Act 2014 Statutory Guidance
- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015
- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 (currently out for consultation)
- Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board Safeguarding Training Quality Assurance Scheme
- Bournemouth University National Competency Framework for Safeguarding Adults

Review Work Programme:

Task	Method	Lead person(s)	Completion by:
Review Scoping Checklist		Status	