



Northern Ireland Adult Safeguarding Partnership Work Plan 2017 - 2018

The NIASP for 2017-18 is based on the core themes contained in Adult Safeguarding: Prevention and Protection in Partnership (2015).

The Workplan contains a number of key priorities and objectives from last year, where either the work has not been fully completed or the objective continues to be of a high priority. In addition, it seeks to address emerging issues and challenges.

Each objective is supported by a brief rationale and the expected timescale for completion.

Priority 1 PREVENTION

Objective	Rationale	Target for Completion
Continue to develop a regional programme of awareness raising and prevention activities to complement local prevention plans.	<p>The regional programme will continue to evolve in partnership with local initiatives.</p> <p>Particular attention will be paid in 2017-18 to working in partnership with PSNI and Trading Standards to ensure that crime prevention material and training is rolled out to as many front-line staff as possible, whether in specific training sessions or through access to e-learning opportunities such as Friends Against Scams</p>	March 2018
Ensure that NIASP and all partner organisations comply with the relevant requirements set out in Adult Safeguarding: Prevention and Protection in Partnership	The final template for the Adult Safeguarding Champion Annual Position report and associated common data return will be available for use by ASCs for their annual report on adult safeguarding activity in 2017-18	June 2017

Priority 2 PROTECTION

<p>Ensure that NIASP and all partner organisations have separate internet sections on adult safeguarding which include easy access to core documentation including referral forms.</p>	<p>Information on new roles and responsibilities and core documentation associated with the new policy and procedures are now available. It is vital that this information is accessible to staff at all levels in an organisation.</p> <p>As a first step, NIASP will pilot a brief questionnaire to ascertain how partner organisations are ensuring this information is widely available and publicised. This will be followed up by a full audit of practice and the development of an action plan to address any outstanding issues.</p>	<p>Pilot to be completed by September 2017.</p> <p>Full audit and associated action plan to be completed by March 2018.</p>
<p>Ensure that practitioners have access to relevant, evidence-based interventions and approaches</p>	<p>NIASP will continue to ensure that practitioners are provided with access to relevant interventions through sharing learning and best practice through the Annual Learning Event.</p> <p>In 2017-18 NIASP will publish a minimum of 1 article in a relevant peer-reviewed journal on the topic of adult safeguarding in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>NIASP will continue to promote the use of the Social Care Institute for</p>	<p>March 2018</p> <p>March 2018</p> <p>March 2018</p>

	<p>Excellence and the Safeguarding Adults at Risk Information Hub as effective ways of accessing the most up-to-date developments in practice and research.</p>	
<p>Review the interface with Human Resources and Adult Protection</p>	<p>The complexities in adult safeguarding investigations have resulted in increased challenges in relation to the interface between adult safeguarding and HR processes.</p> <p>The new Procedures include further guidance on this but further work is required to secure a regionally agreed pathway and process</p>	<p>March 2018</p>
<p>Priority 3 PARTNERSHIP</p>		
<p>Clarify the interface between adult safeguarding and other public safety strategies such as the Domestic and</p>	<p>NIASP will work with the Department of Justice to confirm the arrangements to be put in place to introduce Domestic Homicide reviews into Northern Ireland and clarify the role and contribution of NIASP in this process. This will include consideration of any associated costs.</p>	<p>March 2018</p>

Sexual Violence Strategy		
<p>NIASP will review current adult safeguarding structures and ensure they are fit for purpose</p>	<p>NIASP will continue to keep its structures and operational procedures under review.</p> <p>NIASP will strengthen its internal governance arrangements through the production of a Handbook of Operational procedures</p>	September 2017
<p>NIASP will ensure that the experience of service users is sought at all stages of the safeguarding process</p>	<p>NIASP will complete the full audit of user experience through the 10,000 Voices methodology.</p> <p>The findings of the audit will be presented to NIASP and a regional action plan developed to address any relevant findings</p>	March 2018
<p>Review general and specialist training courses to ensure they meet the needs of practitioners and partner organisations and are responsive to developing policy, standards and practice</p>	<p>There is a need to ensure that education and training opportunities are fully reflective of the policy, procedures and emerging best practice.</p> <p>The NIASP Training sub-group will continue to keep this under review</p>	March 2018

<p>Develop and publish a suite of standards for adult safeguarding in Northern Ireland.</p>	<p>NIASP will consider the development of a small number of Standards for practice in relation to the Protocol for Joint Investigation of Adult Safeguarding Cases.</p> <p>On completion, these Standards will be added to the existing suite.</p>	<p>March 2018</p>
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