

**CCG BOARD
PART I
MEETING ON 24th February 2016**

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| Title of Report: | Safeguarding Adults Policy |
| Board Sponsor: | Jane Foster-Taylor, Chief Nurse |
| Prepared by : | Nicola Meeks, Head of Corporate Governance |
| Committees previous consulted: | Quality and Patient Safety Committee, 12 February 2016 Integrated Governance Group, Virtual review February 2016 |
| Executive Summary: | <p>The Care Act 2014 came into force in England on 1 April 2015. The Act introduced new duties and responsibilities on local authority adult social services police and Clinical Commissioning Groups as the equal partners in protecting adults at risk. This gives the CCGs the responsibility to seek assurances that people in the most vulnerable situations are safe from abuse or neglect. The Care Act 2014 received Royal Assent on the 14th of May, bringing into force the Law Commission's recommendations for reform of adult social care. In addition to providing a fundamental reform of the adult social care and support system, the Care Act also creates a legal framework for key organisations and individuals with responsibilities for adult safeguarding to agree how they must work together and what roles they must play to keep adults at risk safe.</p> <p>Statutory guidance was published on 24th October 2014; Chapter 14 'safeguarding' provides guidance on sections 42–46 of the Care Act 2014 and replaces the No Secrets guidance. The Care Act 2014 came into force on 1 April 2015, this policy has been updated to reflect the changes contained in the Statutory Guidance.</p> <p>This policy is intended to support staff working within the TCCG; it does not replace, but is supplementary to the Southend, Essex and Thurrock (SET) Safeguarding Adults Guidance.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of every NHS funded organisation and health care professional to ensure that people in vulnerable circumstances are not only safe but also receive the highest possible standard of care. This includes all commissioning intentions, services commissioned and contractual arrangements. The organisation will hold to account all provider organisations contracting with TCCG regarding their safeguarding responsibilities and processes as outlined in The NHS Safeguarding Assurance Framework. (DOH 2013)</p> <p>This policy is intended to set out TCCG's role in ensuring this and applies to all staff (permanent, fixed-term, seconded or temporary and volunteers) of the CCG as well as all people who work on behalf of the CCG.</p> |

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| Financial / Resource Implications: | In relation to DOLS application to the court of protection (under CHC) | |
| Fit with CCG strategy/objectives: | Performance: delivery of commitments and improved outcomes: Ensure that services are delivered in the right place, at the right time, at the right level of quality and that adequate systems and processes exist to address a) any deviation from high quality services or b) inequalities | |
| Risks identified / Outcome / Link to BAF: | To ensure that the CCG makes appropriate provision for the management of adult safeguarding to effectively assure itself on the safe service provision by providers. | BAF Ref: QPS12 |
| Actions Required: | If approved, communicate to staff and publish on CCG Intra and Internet. | When By: 31 st March 2016 |
| Recommendation to the Committee: | The Board are asked to consider and approve the Safeguarding Adults Policy. | |

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