

## ANGUS COUNCIL

## SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

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## ANGUS ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

- 1 The Chair of the Angus Adult Protection Committee is required to submit a biennial report to the Scottish Government under Section 46 of the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007.
2. **SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION**  
[The Biennial Report](#) is a general report on the exercise of the Angus Adult Protection Committee's functions during the two years 2012-2014.
- 2.1 **Key achievements for 2012-2014 include:**
  - An Adult Early Screening Group has been established – a multi agency group to consider all Adult Concern/Vulnerable Persons Reports submitted by Police Scotland, the main source of adult protection referrals in Angus
  - There is evidence of improved public awareness of adult protection issues
  - Nearly all adults feel safer after action through the adult protection procedures has been taken
  - A Financial Harm Sub Committee has been established and Angus Council has adopted a policy on financial harm
  - Adult protection and financial harm training is now being delivered to community police officers in Angus and to students of the Dundee University social work degree course
  - Suicide awareness training is provided to staff in Minor Injuries Units throughout Angus
  - Multi-agency case file audits and reviews have been completed enabling staff to identify good practice and learning opportunities, and to inform improvement plans
  - Third sector representation on the Angus Adult Protection Committee has been expanded to provide valuable input regarding the views of service users
  - The AAPC is now represented on the local Hate Incident Multi-Agency Panel ensuring services in adult protection are responsive to local people and to promote good relationships, diversity and tolerance between social groups and communities in Angus.
- 2.2 **The Angus Adult Protection Committee Business Plan** for 2014-2015 is attached to the biennial report. Key actions planned for the period 2014-2015 include:
  - Raising public awareness of adult protection issues, in particular financial harm and financial scams
  - Working with partner agencies such as Trading Standards to protect the "more vulnerable" adults of Angus from harm
  - Ensure adults at risk are protected from harm through coherent operational protocols within and across agencies
  - Completion of an operational instruction for staff regards harm in care homes (Large Scale Investigations)
  - Sustaining a quality assurance system which includes case file audits and reviews, and self-evaluations of adults in the community and in care homes
  - Ensuring that effective training in adult protection is available to statutory, private and third sector staff in Angus
  - Engaging with service users to ascertain their views in relation to the adult protection process in Angus.

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