



## **TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR STEERING GROUP TO END ABUSE OF OLDER PEOPLE**

### **1) PURPOSE**

The Steering Group is established to work collaboratively to safeguard and protect older people who are at risk of, experience abuse or are the victims of crime by taking forward and co-ordinating the necessary action and support across Wales.

### **2) MEMBERSHIP**

A full list of member organisations and representatives can be found at **Annex A**

### **3) ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS**

Meetings of the Steering Group will normally be attended by those listed at **Annex A**, or their representatives.

The Steering Group can, at their discretion, call for other persons, to attend the meetings to provide information to assist the priorities of the group.

Discussions at the Steering Group meetings will remain confidential unless otherwise stated, with a minuted list of agreed and allocated actions being provided by the Secretariat.

Secretariat to the Steering Group will be provided by a member of staff from the Older People's Commissioner for Wales

### **4) FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

The Steering group will meet every two weeks as considered necessary

Additional meetings may be convened by Steering Group members

## 5). DUTIES

The Steering Group will identify the priorities to prevent the abuse of older people<sup>1</sup>, and to ensure the right support is provided for those who have or are experiencing abuse.

The Group will develop a programme of work to be delivered with and through the Action Group on Abuse, and will monitor the impact of the work

The Group will steer the work of the Action Group on Abuse which will include:

- Working collaboratively to raise awareness of and provide access to information, advice and advocacy services available across Wales.
- Working collaboratively to raise awareness of all kinds of crimes and abuse perpetrated against older people, including the settings this may take place, so they can protect themselves and others.
- Working collaboratively to raise awareness of and provide access to key support and protection services available to older people and encourage them to seek help and support.
- Working collaboratively to raise awareness and understanding amongst the wider public to recognise the signs of abuse, and to encourage and support the raising of safeguarding concerns and the reporting of criminal offences.
- Working collaboratively to encourage and share best practice amongst Steering Group members
- Working collaboratively to improve better research, data collection, information sharing and analysis to create an effective evidence base to lead to direct action
- Working collaboratively to provide ongoing support to steering group members to enable a co-ordinated and effective response to immediate or arising concerns.

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<sup>1</sup> An 'older person' is defined in the Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Act 2006 as a person aged 60 or over:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/30/section/24>