

Adult Protection Gateway Team

*Information for Service users, carers, volunteers
and Professional Staff*



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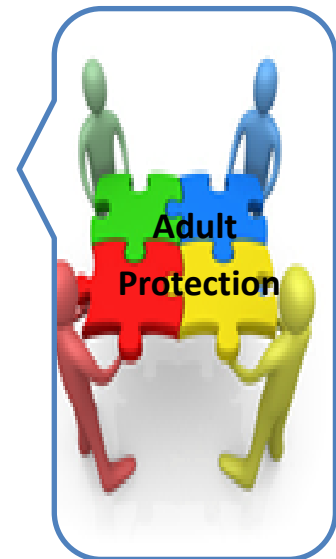
Head of Safeguarding
Trust Adult Safeguarding Specialist
Team Manager
Senior Social Work Practitioners (DAPOs)
Social Workers (IOs)
Administration support

The Adult Protection Gateway Team aims to:

- Enable people to get the right support to make things better and to prevent harm from abuse, exploitation or neglect occurring in the future.
- Balance the right to be safe with the right to make informed choices. This is achieved by promoting the person's wellbeing, inclusion of their views, wishes, feelings and beliefs and reflecting proportionate, necessary and lawful actions.

Who do we work with?

- Public
- Adults
- Carers
- Advocacy
- Professional Staff
- PSNI
- GP's
- Independent Nursing and Residential Care Homes
- Independent Domicillary Care Providers
- Horthern Ireland Housing Executive
- ABC, NM & Mid Ulster District Councils
- Community, Voluntary and Faith Sectors
- Women's Aid



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The Adult Protection Gateway Team provide a broad range of adult safeguarding services

Adult Protection

- Provide a single point of referral for all **adult in need of protection** from abuse, exploitation or neglect referrals in the Southern Trust.
- Deliver a safe, professional and effective safeguarding service; providing a duty system and completes initial assessments of all adult Protection referrals.
- Undertake all Joint Protocol consultations with PSNI to determine if potential criminal offences may have occurred.
- Support carers, friends and family members throughout contact with the team.
- Provide regular feedback to the adult at risk, their advocate and relevant people.
- Analyse user and carer feedback on their experience of protection interventions to share learning and inform future service improvements.
- Undertake in depth strengths based assessments in adult protection cases which are outcome focused and aim to develop and support the adult's resilience.
- Undertake Pre Interview Assessments (PIA) and Achieving Best Evidence Interviews (ABE) when appropriate.
- Coordinate and provides support to adult services regarding high risk Domestic Abuse, Sexual Harm and Harassment Risk Assessments (DASH).
- Make and present referrals to the Multi agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) in both PSNI Districts and provides support to Trust adult services staff in line with Safe lives guidance.
- Conduct large adult protection investigations where the adults at risk are known to multiple Trusts or cross border.
- Oversee quality assurance processes in relation to monthly safeguarding data.

Prevention and early intervention

- Lead and coordinate prevention initiatives in partnership with partner agencies to deliver on Local Adult Safeguarding Partnership prevention strategy.
- Coordinate Southern Area Adult Safeguarding Champion Network and provide support to ASC's in the Southern Trust area.
- Coordinate and lead Southern Trust and LASP partnership initiatives to mark World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

- Promote awareness raising across the Southern Trust and with external partners
- Support the development of local initiatives to raise awareness, provide education and understanding of how to raise a concern.

Advice and support

- Provide support, advice and guidance to professionals, partner organisations and members of the public regarding adult safeguarding concerns.
- Provide information systems support to Trust staff regarding adult safeguarding.

Bespoke Training and Development

- Provide a Designated Adult Protection Officer (DAPO) Buddy scheme peer mentorship to newly trained staff and those seeking support.
- Provide supervision to senior social work practitioners across Adult Directorates
- Deliver bespoke training to teams following case reviews / investigations
- Facilitate continuous learning and improvement of practice via reflective support fora staff providing Investigation Officer (IO), DAPO and ABE functions.
- Conduct weekly practice audits providing individual reflective feedback and support to practitioners and supervisors.
- Contribute to the LASP training workstream to deliver the annual workplan.

Strategic Development

- Facilitate good multi agency working with partner agencies and providers.
- Engage in quarterly meeting with public Protection Unit (PSNI) to share learning and escalate areas for improvement.
- Promote effective communication with communities, partner agencies and professionals
- Participate and contribute on behalf of Southern Trust to the delivery of strategic regional priorities through the HSC Trust Adult Safeguarding Specialist forum
- Contribute to the development of Adult Protection through representation on the interim Adult Protection Board NI and working sub groups.
- Produce annual delegated statutory function reports and Southern Trust Adult Safeguarding Champion position report.
- Prepare the annual report on behalf of the LASP.