

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND TACKLING INEQUALITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 7
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Report of the Executive Director of Adult Social Services

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DRAFT PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS POLICY

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The report is being presented to Scrutiny Committee so that members can consider the final draft.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are asked to consider, and comment on, the final draft.

3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

- 3.1 The policy relates to the overarching theme of the LAA "Creating Opportunities, Tackling Inequalities" and in particular SSC03: empowering local communities, O102: improving health and O103: supporting vulnerable people. Although the policy in itself does not impact on a particular performance indicator, it contributes to the outcomes implicit in: increased personalisation, choice and control through the introduction of individual budgets and self-directed support (LAA PI 130).

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee considered the first draft of the policy at its meeting on 21 June 2010 and requested the Director of Adult Social Services to bring back the policy prior to its final approval and after full consultation. It also agreed that the policy should incorporate all of the relevant parts of the supporting documents which were used in developing the policy.
- 4.2 The final draft takes account of the comments made by the Scrutiny Committee at its last meeting in addition to comments made by other parties involved in the consultation process.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The consultation process is now completed. It has involved all relevant Partnership Boards, the Safeguarding Adults Forum, NHSP's Independent Provider Quality Group and relevant staff.

6. NEXT STEPS

- 6.1 The final draft will be presented to NHS Peterborough's Board in November 2010 for approval. Procedural guidance, training and support will then be developed to support the launch and implementation of the policy.

7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 7.1 Human Rights Act (Article 8).
Valuing People Now 2009
White Paper "Our Health, Our Care, Our Say"

Putting People First
Mental Capacity Act 2005
Sexual Offences Act 2003
Equality Act Sexual Orientation Regulations 2007
Similar policies and procedures in use in Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Bedford, Suffolk and Essex.

8. APPENDICES

8.1 The final draft policy and Easy Read version.