

**Dorset and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Safeguarding Adults Boards  
Community Engagement Group  
Terms of Reference**

**Purpose**

The group will act as a link between the Board and local communities. It will support, assist and guide the Dorset, Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Safeguarding Adults Boards (DBCPSAB) to fulfil its responsibility to:

- Ensure that the voices of people using services are listened to
- Bring together people who have lived experience of safeguarding
- Ensure there are links to support the Safeguarding Adults Board in ensuring that the voices of independent organisations or individuals are heard

**Areas of Interest**

The Engagement Group will:

- Support community groups to understand safeguarding in the context of the work they do
- Gather the views of adults at risk, who may need safeguarding, and their carers to improve services
- Gather the views of the wider community in order to be able to explain safeguarding better

**Specific work that will be undertaken in each area are as follows**

Support existing local community based services with:

- information about people's rights
- information about what abuse is and what can be done about it
- more information about ways people can protect themselves from abuse, neglect, and harm
- how to connect people to other services in order to get the right help
- consideration as to how to make information available in different languages and formats
- advice and guidance to ensure their safeguarding policies are in line with the Care Act and Making Safeguarding Personal

Provide Information to the CEG so it can:

- Empower adults at risk to avoid abuse, harm and neglect including preventative measures they can put place e.g., power of attorney
- Ensure that people know how to report concerns and they understand what support is available to them e.g., support to attend a Police Station to report

- Provide feedback on people's experience of the safeguarding adult service across Dorset and BCP to the DBCPSAB.

Gather the views of the wider community to advise the DBCPSAB on:

- Promoting awareness of safeguarding adults at risk in the community
- Specific pieces of work, which are of interest to the CEG, and will improve the safety and response to reports of harm to adults at risk
- Ensure that all the work of the DBCPSAB reflects the experiences of adults who have experienced safeguarding and who are at risk

### **Accountability and reporting arrangements**

- The Chair of the CEG will report on its work to the DBCPSAB at least four times a year.
- The Board will report on its activity to the CEG four times a year.
- The Chair of the CEG will ensure that any specific concerns brought to the attention of the CEG are reported appropriately
- The Chair of the CEG will raise any general concerns regarding service provision that comes to the notice of the CEG through the appropriate systems.
- The Chair of the CEG will draw to the attention of the Chair of the DBCPSAB issues that the CEG feels are presenting a serious risk to a number of vulnerable adults in the community and do not appear to have been given appropriate attention by the relevant partner agency when due process has been followed.

## **4 Group membership**

### **4.1 Chair & Vice Chair:**

To be agreed by members of the group.

### **4.2 Membership/Representation**

- Dorset People First
- People First Forum, BCP
- Dorset Race Equality Council
- Healthwatch Dorset
- Volunteer Centre Dorset
- Dorset Community Action Network
- Victim Support
- Representative from Faith Groups
- Individuals with lived experience
- Carers Support Dorset
- Dorset Carers Hub

### **4.3 Quorum**

Chair or Vice Chair and at least one representative from 3 of the different groups

### **4.5 Frequency of meetings: 4-6 times a year**