

DRAFT Adult Exploitation Strategy – Consultation Response

Healthwatch Worcestershire (HWW)

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- This document is welcomed as an important step in ensuring a countywide, co-ordinated response to a complex area. It is helpful to have a strategic vision, with clear aims and objectives that follow the national framework and move on to cover both strategic and operational responsibilities within ‘The Worcestershire Way’ approach.
- It might be helpful to include core membership of both the Strategic Partnership Group and, where possible, the Adult Exploitation Operational Group, in part so that other partners and professionals are aware of who the key leads might be.
- Would it be beneficial to mention the role of Third Sector organisations – eg in identifying and supporting victim of exploitation?
- Specific comments:
 - P2 – while acknowledging that (national) data may be limited, it would be helpful to understand the potential size of the issue in Worcestershire
 - P5 under Pursue heading – last bullet point is unclear
 - P7 last paragraph under core functions – presumably the systems in place currently for shared learning will include outcomes from SARs, the Rapid Review process, etc?
 - P8 2nd bullet point – a commitment to effective communication across all sectors, awareness-raising and training sessions is important; a stronger statement would be welcome.
