

MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	SCRUTINY COMMITTEE		
DATE:	16 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020	REPORT NO:	CFO/005/20
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TITLE OF REPORT:	MFRA PARTNERSHIP WORKING REGARDING VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILL HEALTH		
APPENDICES:			

### Purpose of Report

1. That Members consider and scrutinise the contents of the accompanying PowerPoint presentation.

### Recommendation

2. That Members note the content of the PowerPoint presentation.

### Introduction and Background

3. Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service (MFRS) continues to be an active and engaged stakeholder to a number of Strategic boards and key partnerships in the support provided to vulnerable persons who may be considered at risk due to issues that contribute to mental ill health.
4. MFRS Strategic Safeguarding Manager works closely with Safeguarding Adults Boards on shared ambitions to improve the health and wellbeing of our community members.
5. A key deliverable was the development of the Multi-Agency Hoarding Protocol that was established following the acceptance of Hoarding as an element of self-neglect within the Care Act 2014. MFRS have attended a number of significant incidents including a double fatality due to hoarding (Mather Avenue).
6. In addition, at risk individuals that are identified by MFRS within the appropriate thresholds can be referred via safeguarding reporting process for liaison with Adult Social Care and relevant mental health partners (i.e. MerseyCare).

## **Equality and Diversity Implications**

7. A formal EIA covering all aspects of Prevention is created annually as part of the Functional Delivery Planning process.

## **Staff Implications**

8. All MFRS Vulnerable Person Advocates have received Mental Health First Aid training and will be receiving Mental Capacity Assessment training as part of their Continued Professional Development during the spring of 2020.

## **Legal Implications**

9. MFRS understand the legal connotations of data-sharing and ensure that all community members sign a privacy notice that explicitly informs of who we will share information with prior to onward referral.
10. SLT members during December 2019 have received Safeguarding Training from an external provider.

## **Financial Implications & Value for Money**

11. There are no financials implications regarding this PowerPoint presentation.

## **Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications**

12. To effectively manage risk during the provision of any Safe and Well visit, MFRS will engage with partners to ensure that suitable and sufficient risk assessment is carried out in respect of the vulnerability.

## **Contribution to Our Mission: *Safer Stronger Communities – Safe Effective Firefighters***

13. MFRS is committed to reducing Accidental Dwelling Fires and serious injury across Merseyside. Our risk reduction strategies identify a range of vulnerabilities encompassing mental ill health that may increase the risk of fire to the individual in a residential of specialised housing setting.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**