**Eastern Region - Adult Safeguarding Leads**

**Information Sharing Statement**

On 24th October 2019, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) published a joint Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) “for the sharing of information where incidents of avoidable harm have occurred to people using health and social care services”[[1]](#endnote-1); the defined purpose being:

**“to promote effective working relationships between NPCC and CQC. The MoU will take effect in circumstances where specific incidents of avoidable harm has occurred to service users of health and social care services or where service users have been exposed to a significant risk of avoidable harm requiring investigation by the police, or the CQC or the CQC and police jointly.**

**This MoU sets out the general principles for the CQC and police to observe when liaising with one another. It focuses on investigations in health and social care settings in England.”[[2]](#endnote-2)**

Within the context of safe and effective information sharing, the Eastern Region – Adults Safeguarding Leads support and actively promote the use of the framework detailed within this MoU. It is recommended that this MoU is referred to and used by relevant agencies and practitioners, as an informative resource, giving guidance about statutory duties, responsibilities and legally compliant information sharing processes; to achieve the overarching aim of the multi-agency statement “Safeguarding Adults Roles and Responsibilities in Health and Care Services”:

**“to ensure that the right things are done by the right people at the right time, working within their own agency and with partners”[[3]](#endnote-3)**

Links to the documents referred to within this statement are detailed within the footnotes below.

1. <https://www.cqc.org.uk/news/stories/cqc-national-police-chiefs-council-sign-agreement>. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. <https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20191017_%20mou_cqc_npcc.pdf> [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. <https://www.cqc.org.uk/files/safeguarding-adults-roles-responsibilities-health-care-services> [↑](#endnote-ref-3)