**Somerset Adult Social Care – LGA Peer Challenge**

**Initial guidance for meetings and interviews**

* Wherever possible LGA peer meetings/interviews will be conducted by two people. However, there may be circumstances where this is not always possible.
* At the start of each session the peer challenge team interviewers will introduce themselves and ask those they are talking with to do the same.
* The peer challenge is not an inspection. It is a supportive but challenging process to assist the adult social care department to identify strengths and their own areas for improvement. The key purpose is to stimulate local discussion about how adult social care can work together to deliver effective outcomes.
* The peer team are peers supporting sector led improvement for local adult social care departments across health and social care.
* The peer challenge is an independent sector-led learning process and will highlight both areas where improvement might be gained and areas where effective practice might be shared more widely.
* The team is there at the request of the Council.
* Team members are acting as ‘critical friends’, looking at both strengths and areas for further consideration.
* The process depends on people being open and honest about what is working well and what issues need to be addressed.
* All the information that the team obtains is non-attributable to individuals.
* Evidence will be triangulated from information the peer team reads, hear and see whilst on-site.

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