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DHR Action Plan – Bridget – Central Bedfordshire CSP

	Recommendation	Scope	Action to take	Lead Agency	Key Milestones achieved in enacting recommendation	Target Date	Completion date and outcome
1	A centralised register is required for all unpaid/unofficial carers to be recorded when they come to the notice of a professionals, with a record of who is receiving care and who is providing that care in order to prevent 'hidden adults',	National	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Central Beds CSP to raise this issue with relevant department at the Home Office• Make the DA Commissioner aware of the recommendation.	Department of Health and Social Care – Home Office	Review by Dept of H&SC	May 2026	Overview report returned by Home Office in April 2026. Report shared with the DA Commissioner 27/04/2026.
2	Domestic Abuse Commissioner's office to incorporate within the already undertaken oversight mechanism research into DHRs/DARDRs, the element and impact of a carer as a specific area of focus.	National	Central Beds Domestic Abuse Service to contact the DAC office with the findings of four recent DHRs which highlight the correlation of DA, Carers and a subsequent death. Discussion as to how this will be incorporated in their existing work. DAC office to complete a further internal action plan for implementation.	Domestic Abuse Commissioner – Home Office	Communication with DAC	May 2026	Overview report returned by Home Office in April 2026. Report shared with the DA Commissioner 27/04/2026.



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3	ICB to review local process for list cleansing and develop guidance to support practices for implementation.	Local	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of process• Amend process• Produce guidance• Embed• Evaluate	ICB – Safeguarding nurse primary care	<p>02/01/2026 – LS email to ICB requesting an update on action. Deadline end of January</p> <p>06/01/2026 – Update from Deborah Spencer, Designated Nurse for Safeguarding.</p> <p>GP contracts include the process around cleansing of lists and the protocol regarding removing people from lists. Alternative provision of primary care support is found where a patient is</p>	June 2026	Ongoing – Next update due June 2026.
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					de-registered. This is also discussed during GP training sessions, at the GP forum and on Safeguarding visits to GP practices.		
4	Bedfordshire Police to update the Standard Operating Procedure Policy to ensure that Command and Control STORM incident logs are endorsed with comments by a supervisor supporting the rationale for a report not to be recorded as a missing person. This is to include an additional review following any subsequent information that may be placed on the log once it has been closed.	Local	Update of policy. Communication plan to incorporate appropriate methods. Dissemination	Bedfordshire Police – FCR Chief Inspector		June 2026	Update due June 2026.
5	Bedfordshire Police to implement that where there is any suspicion of criminal involvement in a missing	Local	For discussion at Force Investigations Standards Board.	Bedfordshire Police – Head of Crime and	Discussion at Board.	June 2026	Update due June 2026.



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	person enquiry, a PIP 3 SIO is to be assigned and the investigation team should consist of PIP 2 trained officers and staff with the support of the CMIT officers.		Review of current policy and procedure. Agreement of relevant departments. Revision to process. Implementation	Public Protection	Process agreement. Implementation		
6	GP practice to review the process for ongoing prescribing when patients do not attend for medication reviews or related assessments. This is to support safe prescribing and monitoring of a patient's wellbeing	Local	To facilitate engagement, the practice will set a defined timescale for reducing electronic prescriptions. For continued non engagement prescription durations will be reduced to a 7 day supply pending cessation of electronic prescribing and the issuing of a paper prescription whilst awaiting in person review. The ICB will share learning from this review with the ICB medicines optimisation and primary care team and	GP Practice – Manager (with assistance from ICB)	Timelines for implementation to be agreed. Learning event 06.01.2026 – Update from Deborah Spencer, Designated Nurse for Safeguarding, ICB – during safeguarding training we discuss repeat issuing of prescriptions, as part of a case study, where a family remained	June 2026	Update due June 2026.



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			<p>publish themes and actions from the case that other GP practices across BLMK could adopt.</p>		<p>invisible to services. GPs are advised to introduce a defined timescale or issuing electronic prescriptions without seeing a patient.</p> <p>We advocate that for continued non-engagement dispensing should be reduced to a 7-day supply and revert to a paper prescription to encourage a patient to have an in-person review.</p> <p>This has been added to out GP audit tool, which</p>		
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					<p>we use to assess safeguarding practice at GP quality visits.</p> <p>We will be presenting the learning from this review at our GP safeguarding forum on 14th January 2026. We will be discussing the themes and changes to practice that this GP practice has made, that could be used by other GP practices. This learning will also be shared with our primary care teams and medicines optimisation team.</p>		
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7	Bedfordshire Adult Social Care to provide training to the Safeguarding teams on conversations and recording around care needs in sufficient detail to make an informed decision.	Local	Training to be provided to Safeguarding team	Bedfordshire Adult Social Care – Training Lead	Case Reflection on Bridget presented and Training provision.	June 2026	Next update June 2026
8	Bedfordshire Adult Social Care and Bedfordshire Police to integrate into their processes that communication must be made with each other in addition to referrals to exchange and deliberate information that is gathered when it is apparent that they are both responding to the same individual/household.		Process to be agreed whereby If police carry out a welfare check on behalf of ASC or any other informant and concerns are identified then an updated referral form is sent to ASC. If ASC are aware that a welfare check has been carried out by the police they should seek an update from the police on	Bedfordshire Police – Head of Public Protection ASC – Safeguarding Lead	09/12/2025 – LA advised this has been completed and email sent to LS. 19/12/2025 – LS reviewed all emails. Last email from LA on this action was 10/04/2025 advising that an action update would be sent from Richard Tilling. LS has no trace of this updated so has contacted RT.	Next Meeting – June 2026	Ongoing



			the outcome of the check. Process for monitoring completion.				
9	Central Bedfordshire Domestic Abuse Service to oversee the incorporation of information and the understanding of the complexities of economic abuse within training and communications to professionals and organisations across the Central Bedfordshire area.	Local	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration of training subject into existing training packages. • Delivery of training • Evaluation 	Central Bedfordshire Domestic Abuse Service - Manager	09/12/2025 – This is ongoing. HG advised the are working with DWP and are looking at resources on economic abuse. HG will provide an update for action plan.	Next update – March 2026	Ongoing
10	A centralised register is required for all unpaid/unofficial carers to be recorded when they come to the notice of professionals, with a record of who is receiving care and who is providing that care in order to prevent ‘hidden adults’,	Local	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review current processes • Identify/implement process • Embed • Review/evaluations 		Additional recommendation from the Home Office in April 2026.	December 2026	Next update June 2026