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Safeguarding Adults at Risk Training

The Care Agency has organised a two day training course this week in respect of the roles under the Gibraltar Safeguarding Adults at Risk Gibraltar Multi-agency Procedures which was implemented in 2011. The training took place at Bleak House.

The two day training course was facilitated by Bob Skinner, an external trainer from the UK. This invaluable training has been delivered to representatives from the Care Agency and in particular, the social workers who form part of the adult services team, Royal Gibraltar Police, Gibraltar Health Authority, Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority and the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

There are various roles identified in these procedures to include the Safeguarding Coordinator, Safeguarding Team Manager and Investigating Officer. Today's training was about people from the different agencies who have been identified to take on these important roles for their agencies.

The training provided to the Safeguarding Lead Managers, Investigating Officers and the Basic Awareness Training Programme will shortly be implemented and will ensure that relevant people are more knowledgeable of core issues which will empower them to identify, report and investigate allegations of different types of abuse in a more swift and efficient manner.

Minister Samantha Sacramento who on conclusion of the training presented certificates to those who attended, stated, "This is an issue which is high on the Government's agenda and therefore, I am delighted that training is once again being delivered only a few months after the last session in September 2012 that was aimed at training people to deliver a basic awareness training programme. The fact that key people from different Government departments and agencies are working together towards a common goal, reflects our determination to ensure that the most vulnerable in our community are protected from abuse."

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