**Interagency adult support and protection practice of police and health and social care professionals: A realistic evaluation approach**

We urgently require key people working in the areas of adult support and protection to participate in focus groups for a unique project funded by the Scottish Institute for Policing Research and conducted by a project team with members from Robert Gordon University, the University of Aberdeen and Police Scotland. The project team will be carrying out focus group evaluation in each of the Police Scotland Areas.

**Why is it important?**
Supporting and protecting vulnerable members of society is a key aspect of the roles of the police and health and social care professionals. This necessitates working across organisational boundaries and developing collaborative styles of leadership and multi-agency working. It is a challenging undertaking for any professional, which requires knowledge and skills in partnership working; information sharing, and an understanding of the organisational processes in order to create effective channels of communication.

**What does the project involve?**
This project comprises two phases. The first phase will investigate the ‘state of play’ for such cross boundary working by: identifying the gaps in interagency practice; evaluating the education and training needs of professionals working in the area of adult support and protection, and identifying information sharing practices.

The second phase will develop interprofessional and interagency training resources with key performance indicators to enable subsequent evaluation and monitoring of practice for all professionals involved in adult support and protection.

**How will it make a difference?**
The outcome of this project will be of value in enabling a comprehensive evaluation of adult support and protection practices in order to inform education practices that prepare tomorrow’s workforce of police and health and social care professionals to effectively support and protect vulnerable members of society.

**How can I be involved?**
Express you interest by responding to the e-mail address: a.c.reddish@rgu.ac.uk
Information regarding dates, times and venues for the focus groups will follow.

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