West Lothian Adult Protection Committee

7 Minute Briefing – Herbert Protocol

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Where to find the form?

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www.scotland.police.uk/what-shappening/missing-persons/the-Herbert-protocol/ Or go to the Police Scotland

webpage – type in Herbert Protocol in the search bar – the Herbert Protocol form is the first entry, you will find the link to the form there

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The Herbert protocol is a nationally recognised scheme, which was designed for people living with Dementia who may be reported missing.

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Police won't ever hold the form as it needs to be kept up to date with medications and other pertinent details. The form should be given to police on their arrival at the place where the missing person resides and will be returned, if required.

Where should it be kept?

It should be kept with the person living with dementia i.e. if they reside in a care home, to be held within their care plan; if resident at home, somewhere it can be found easily and quickly.

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The Herbert Protocol was first developed by Norfolk Police in 2011 and was named after George Herbert, a war veteran of the Normandy landings who lived with dementia and died whilst missing and trying to find his childhood home

How does it work?

It is a form containing vital and personal information about the person living with dementia. For example, if they go missing where they may be - where they worked, grew up or a favourite place they

How does it help?

It helps Police to gather important information quickly. Having a form completed with all the relevant information avoids unnecessary delays in allowing the search for the person to commence as soon as possible. It also supports relatives and carers to quickly pass over this information, at a time when they may be distressed.