

Foreword

This policy, guidance and toolkit was first published in May 2015 by the Local Safeguarding Adults Boards (4LSAB) covering Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (including Portsmouth and Southampton) to meet the requirements of the Care Act 2014 and the Department of Health Statutory Guidance published in October 2014. This 2nd edition of the policy reflects the changes introduced in the revised Care Act 2014 statutory guidance published in 2016 as well as other legislative changes. It is designed to support current good practice in adult safeguarding and outlines the arrangements which apply to the whole of the 4LSAB area. Local guidance, specific to each Local Authority area, will be provided separately. The whole document will inform all those who have a role to play in adult safeguarding and each section can be used either as part of the whole document or independently.

The document is divided into FOUR sections:

Section 1: Multi-Agency Safeguarding Policy

This section outlines the multi-agency policy for all partners to use in order to meet their responsibilities to keep adults with needs of care and support safe from abuse, neglect and exploitation. This section sets out the expectations and underlying principles regarding the implementation of this policy.

Section 2: Guidance on Statutory Safeguarding Enquiries

This section provides guidance on the new legal safeguarding duties arising from the Care Act 2014 and clarifies the roles and responsibilities of staff and managers in all agencies who have responsibilities to support adults with needs of care support who are at risk of abuse or neglect. This section also provides guidance on undertaking 'section 42' safeguarding enquiries as described in the Care Act 2014.

Section 3: PAN Hampshire and Isle of Wight Practice Tools

This section is composed of PAN Hampshire and Isle of Wight practice tools agreed by the 4LSAB. It provides information and strategies on good practice in adult safeguarding and the shared approach adopted by services to promote consistency across the area.

Section 4: National Policy Context

This section provides an overview and links to the current legal and national policy context for adult safeguarding.

This Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Policy and Guidance will be reviewed in January 2019