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There are a number of nationally published guidance documents that this Policy framework has adopted. A summary is provided for each together with a link to the document:

[Inter-Authority Safeguarding Arrangements \(ADASS June 2016\)](#)

The guidance has been reviewed and updated to reflect new safeguarding duties under the Care Act (2014) and the accompanying Care and Support Statutory Guidance (2016). This includes, as fundamental, the person-centred, outcome-focused approach enshrined in Making Safeguarding Personal and the six national safeguarding adults principles. This document provides guidance for partner agencies when dealing with complex cross boundary issues. It is not a substitute for locally agreed multi-agency safeguarding adults policies and procedures, whether at individual Safeguarding Adults Board, sub regional or regional level. Local multi-agency procedures, together with the Care Act and statutory guidance take precedence.

[Making safeguarding Personal - a toolkit for responses \(Local Government Association, 2015\)](#)³⁰

The toolkit is set out in a modular format with a summary of key areas. These areas range from models, theories and approaches to skills and areas of specialism that safeguarding practitioners need to be aware of. It can be used as a practitioner guide for pointers on how to respond to individual cases, or as a starting point resource for service development. It has been designed as a resource that will develop over time and allow updates and amendments to be made as development takes place or innovative and effective practice comes to light.

[Adult Safeguarding and Domestic Ab - a guide for practitioners \(Local Government Association, 2015\)](#)³¹

This guide is for practitioners and managers in councils and partner agencies engaged in working directly or indirectly with people who have care and support needs, whose circumstances make them vulnerable, and who may also be victims of domestic abuse. Its purpose is to help staff to give better informed and more effective support to people who need an adult safeguarding service because of domestic abuse. It addresses situations where an adult who has care and support needs is being harmed or abused by an intimate partner or close family member in a way which could also be defined as domestic abuse.

[Gaining access to an adult suspected to be at risk or abuse or neglect - a guide for social workers and managers in England \(SCIE, 2014\)](#)³²

This guide clarifies existing powers and legal options relating to access to adults suspected to be at risk of abuse or neglect where access is restricted or denied. It is intended as a source of ready reference rather than as a learning tool, laying out the potential routes to resolution. It is important that social workers and their managers are as clear as possible on which legal powers or options apply to which situations, and in

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http://www.local.gov.uk/documents/10180/6869714/Making+safeguarding+personal_a+toolkit+for+responses_4th+Edition+2015.pdf/1a5845c2-9dfc-4afd-abac-d0f8f32914bc

³¹ http://www.local.gov.uk/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=5928377b-8eb3-4518-84ac-61ea6e19a026&groupId=10180

³² <http://www.scie.org.uk/care-act-2014/safeguarding-adults/adult-suspected-at-risk-of-neglect-abuse/files/adult-suspected-at-risk-of-neglect-abuse.pdf>

cases of any uncertainty that they consult their senior managers and/or the legal department of the Local Authority. Throughout the guide there are links to information on the relevant legislation and case law.

[Safeguarding adults from harm - a legal guide for practitioners \(SCIE, 2011\)](#)³³

This guide is aimed primarily at practitioners working in various settings for organisations involved in safeguarding. But it may also be useful for volunteers and family. It aims to equip practitioners with information about how to assist and safeguard people. Knowing about the legal basis is fundamental, because the law defines the extent and limits of what can be done to help people and to enable people to keep themselves safe. This guide is intended to serve as a pointer to the law and to how it can be used. It tries to explain the law in reasonably simple terms, so it is selective and does not set out full details of each area of law covered. When it comes to the law, further advice will often be needed, but an awareness of it can help practitioners ask the right sort of question and explore possible solutions.

³³ <http://www.scie.org.uk/publications/reports/report50.pdf>