

Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy and Procedures

Purpose

The welfare of vulnerable adults is a key concern the Association, and we have to provide an environment within which vulnerable adults are safe and secure.

Service Definitions

A Vulnerable Adult can be defined as a person(over 18 years) who is, or may be, in need of community care services or support due to mental illness/disorder, physical disability, age or illness and who is or maybe unable to take care of him/herself, or unable to protect him/herself against significant harm or exploitation (definition adapted from the Law Commission Report 1995).

“Abuse” can include:

- Physical – hitting, smacking, nipping, force feeding, biting
- Psychological – verbal abuse, threats to harm, humiliation, intimidation
- Sexual – rape, sexual harassment, not consenting to sexual activities
- Financial or material – theft, fraud, exploitation, possessions or benefits
- Neglect – lack of physical, social and health care
- Discriminatory – i.e. swearing and name calling on any grounds which are contrary to human rights or dignity such as a person’s disability, age, sexuality, nationality, ethnic origin, religion, gender or colour

