



FACT SHEET

providing background information

The Multi agency for the protection of Vulnerable Adults (often referred to as MAPPVA) was established in May 1997. More recently MAPPVA has changed its name to Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board.

The Board consists of senior representatives from various agencies and organisations involved in the development of Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures in the City of Sunderland.

Some of the organisations involved in the development of the Policy and Procedures include, Health Housing & Adult Services, Sunderland Teaching Primary Care Trust, the Police, City Hospitals, and some voluntary and independent agencies.

'No secrets' is a Departmental of Health Document, launched in March 2000. It sets out guidelines on developing and implementing multi-agency policy and procedures to protect vulnerable adults from abuse. The Association for the Directors of Social Services (ADSS) document was introduced in October 2005. The document sets out A National Framework of standards of good practice and outcomes in Adult Protection work.

On April 25th 2007 the third edition of the City of Sunderland Multi Agency Procedural Framework was launched at the Stadium of Light. The first edition was printed in January 1998 and the second in September 2002, was amended to reflect changes in procedure and practice and incorporated the guidance within the Department of Health document 'No Secrets'.

This latest edition incorporates recent national initiatives and legislation, which has moved away from the 'protection of vulnerable adults' to 'safeguarding adults'. The Safeguarding Adults Procedural Framework builds upon the past experience and good practice of workers in the field of Adult protection.

Safeguarding Adults is high on the Government's political agenda. It is, therefore, important that we are all aware of the Framework to follow if we have suspicions or concerns about an Adult who may be vulnerable and at risk, and that we are clear about our role and responsibilities within the Framework.